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AUTUMN'S GLORY

"Gray Hairs Are A Glorious Crown, Won By A Righteous Life"

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North and West of Palestine

▲ The wilderness of the people, where the House of Israel, in exile from Palestine, were to grow and expand into a great people and company of nations, and where also they were to find grace in the sight of the Lord (Jer. 31: 2), is defined by Isaiah as north and west of Palestine (Isa. 49: 8-12).

▲ Critics who object to the use of the prophet's reference to the *north and west* as locating the Isles northwest of Palestine cannot logi-

cally object to a literal application of Isaiah's boundaries to define a larger section of the globe as shown above. It is in the territory thus bounded by north and west directional lines, running from a point in Palestine and intersecting at a point in the Pacific Ocean west of the coast of the United States of America, that the center of governmental activity of the modern House of Israel is found today and where the ten-tribed Kingdom is residing in these latter times.

A Crown of Glory

THE IMPORTANCE of living a life of righteousness is stressed by the Psalmist, the Prophets and the Apostles. Jesus Himself asked the question: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8: 36-37.)

The answer to these questions become extremely important as one approaches the autumn of life, for, after all, what is there so valuable that a man will barter his soul for it? The harvest time will follow the autumn of life when all must give an account of the deeds done in the flesh. Jesus warned, "That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12: 36-37). Smith and Goodspeed render this, "But I tell you, for every careless word that men utter they will have to answer on the Day of Judgment. For it is by your words that you will be acquitted, or by your words that you will be condemned."

It is the fashion today to discount all warnings of a time coming when men and women will be compelled to give an accounting before a Divine Tribunal of the deeds done in life, whether good or evil. Nevertheless, although many may scoff, planted deep in the heart of every individual is the knowledge that such an accounting will certainly be required of each one at some future time.

Solomon declared, "An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire" (Prov. 16: 27). But of the righteous he said, "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Prov. 16: 31).

Jesus expressed this same thought when He said that the mouth declares what the heart is full of, stating that a good man, out

of the good he has accumulated, brings forth things that are good and the bad man, out of that which he has accumulated, brings forth things that are evil.

When the autumn of life is reached, the things which in the past seemed so important are often found to have lost much of their former value. This is particularly true of material possessions and past pleasures, especially the overindulgences. Then, too, there are the memories of what might have been had one refused to be lured from the paths of righteousness by temptations along the way. For some there are many regrets.

Yet there are those who can say with the Psalmist, "Thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth" (Ps. 71: 5). These God will not cast away, nor forsake, when old age comes and strength fails. Grey hairs are a crown of glory for all who have walked down the highway of righteousness. For "good men flourish like a palm, and grow like cedars on Lebanon; planted inside the Eternal's precincts, they flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still fresh and green—showing how just the Eternal is, my Strength who never errs" (Ps. 92: 12-15, *Moffatt Trans.*).

When, finally, the summons comes, the righteous can say, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Ps. 23: 4). For all those who will walk through the valley of the shadow of death under this Divine protection there is assurance of resurrection to everlasting life. Thereafter will come the blessings that Isaiah referred to when he exclaimed, "Men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."

YOUR attention, as you read this publication, is directed toward the destinies of the nations of the world, the war, and our changing economy. The conclusions are based on the *only* authoritative source — the prophecies of the Holy Bible. In this way one can know the purpose and outcome of present chaos and you may well be startled, if this is your first acquaintance with its *national phase*, to discover the Bible as the most modern Book in the world. Containing information we must all shortly take into account, it deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of *one* race and it is very probable that *you* are of that race, thus both the Bible and DESTINY deserve your consideration and study.

DESTINY identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. The magazine itself is published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word in the Scriptures and who have seen God's hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth and so have formed a non-profit organization — which is undenominational — to publish these truths in order that others may possess this important information.

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant, and upon whom He laid His Law. That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people He called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now — these are still Bible times in the truest sense — and it is a marvelous, continuing-on-through-the-centuries history. For we note that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles, then on to America. By

FOREWORD

what the prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

His own name upon them, for Israel means "a prince with God," and He commanded them not to "take it in vain." That they did take God's name in vain — and so lost it — is a matter of history. That they will again carry it — to God's honor and service — is clear from the Bible, and is the subject of our publication.

Like the name Israel, *Anglo-Saxon* is a noble name when clearly understood. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man. And we recognize that all who are "born again" and believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, will partake of the blessings of the Covenant. We emphasize the Anglo-Saxon-Israel fact, however, and thus make Israel's identity clear, because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching and is *essential* to an understanding of the prophecies and plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, for the moral order of society and for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity. We find the moral order by which God intends to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live. We see our Israel forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, punishment and correction. We have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action, and we have our Lord offering to set up completely the Kingdom of God on earth in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King.

Thus we stand for *the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ!* In large and general terms, this defines our position. We are anti-nothing and pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We publish the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today — the same people with the same work — now nearing the time of the full entry of the rule of God among men.

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This Month's Cover

Autumn Splendor in a New Hampshire Countryside

Israel! To many folk, today, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. God's choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; yet there is no question of favoritism. The people of Israel were chosen for *service*. God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness and true progress. While performing that service, God guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He placed

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

A FALLING MILLSTONE

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS DESTINY has been pointing out the certainty of coming judgment upon the economic system in fulfillment of the predictions of the prophets of the Lord. This judgment is confirmed in detail through the revelation given to John on the Isle of Patmos where the fall of Babylon the Great was shown to him in vision, depicting the destruction of the present world economy. There the overthrow of the system was likened in violence to the casting of a mighty millstone into the depths of the sea.

Businessmen today are beginning to confirm the possibility of such a crisis. They are aware of impending trouble, causing the thoughtful among them to be apprehensive. The following answer given by a top executive to questions put to him about present business trends, as reported in *Human Events* for August 1, 1951, is a case in point. After confirming the unhealthy conditions in the field of business activity, he was asked, "Where do you think the economy is going?" His reply was:

"I think we will be on the skids sometime in 1952. The taxes will be confiscatory by that time. People will try to run away from money but won't put it into any of the usual things. They'll all be trapped. Increases in wages and salaries will be meaningless. The foreign countries, which have been living off us, will desert us as if we were empty banana peels. Note how many foreign countries have lost their yen for American dollars."

This is very interesting in the light of the evidence that has been published in DESTINY indicating that chronology shows economic troubles as beginning in 1950 and reaching a disastrous climax by 1952. In "It Is Harvest Time," DESTINY for May 1950, the following chronological facts pertaining to the years 1950 to 1952 were given:

"Thus, two important events [having to do with Tyre and the setting up of the gold standard] relating to the world economy are recorded as having taken place during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. The first event was the destruction of Tyre as a center of commerce in 571 B.C., which occupied thirteen years of Nebuchadnezzar's time, and the second was the establishment

of the gold standard in 569 B.C. when the image of gold was erected on the plain of Dura and Nebuchadnezzar demanded that it be accepted by all nations as the standard of wealth in all commercial transactions. . . . A corresponding 2-year period is shown to extend from 1950 A.D. to 1952 A.D. This final 2-year period is also defined by the Seven Times measure, or 2520 years, from the destruction of Tyre and the setting up of the gold standard by Nebuchadnezzar, for $571 \text{ B.C.} + 2520 = 1950 \text{ A.D.}$ and $569 \text{ B.C.} + 2520 = 1952 \text{ A.D.}$. . .

"Final judgment upon present world economic activities is clearly shown as becoming intense in 1950 A.D. But in so great a crisis, the point of climax will undoubtedly cover a period of time. Therefore, as with the events following the Wall Street crash of 1929 A.D., whose reverberations continued through 1931 A.D., we may expect many months to be consumed in the completion of the overthrow of the Babylonian economy. It may well be that the crisis time will occupy two years and extend to 1952 A.D., the terminal of 2520 years from the setting up of the image of gold on the plain of Dura."

This was written two months before war broke out in Korea, when the North Koreans invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950. As pointed out in *Watchman, What of the Night?*, June 25, 1950 began the four watches of the night of darkness of the age, with midnight being reached on January 22, 1952. Two days after the beginning of the first watch of this night, on June 27, 1950, it was announced that General Douglas MacArthur was made Supreme Commander in the Far East. The second watch began April 9, 1951 and two days later, on April 11, 1951, President Truman announced the removal of General MacArthur from all his commands, the decision to do this having been made on April 9th.

The third watch will commence January 22, 1952 as the hour of midnight begins to strike and we will then enter the darkest hours of the night.

The Korean war set in motion economic stresses and strains which have thrown our economy completely out of alignment, as pointed out in "The End of the Road," DESTINY for October 1950:

"In *The Boston Herald* for September 4, a feature article by

Sylvia Porter points out that the stock market Dow-Jones index is misleading. Before the Korean war changed conditions, that index on 30 industrial stocks had reached a 19-year peak (a metonic cycle) of 228. The statement is then made:

"By mid-July, that index was down to 197, a sensational slump for one month, one of the sharpest breaks on record."

"As a result of the Korean war, stocks were dumped, causing losses of billions of dollars of value over night. Since July the index is back to 220, but the complete recovery this would suggest is most misleading. A 'war baby' market has taken the place of the stocks of concerns operating for peace time consumption, so the average index figure is up, but the value of operations contributing to peace and prosperity is down."

"A study of the market clearly reflects that by mid-July prosperity — as represented in the production of consumer's goods and the things men need and use in peaceful pursuits — gave way before production for destructive purposes, with the emphasis on investments in concerns whose profits are the result of building for war. This established trend will become even more marked in the months ahead and, when finally we are able to look back and properly appraise the entire situation, it will be found that July 5-15, 1950 saw a definite change on the economic front, with the world moving toward a financial fiasco. The extraordinary burden of excess taxation, along with curtailment of the production of wealth in the creation of economic values, will add its weight in the scales of destruction."

Prodigious spending by the government has necessitated taxing and taxing and taxing, with the war and mismanagement of national affairs hastening the day of an inevitable economic crisis of major proportions. Ever since the beginning of the Korean conflict on June 25, 1950 endeavors to make the world economy function normally have failed. The abnormal has become the normal, with politicians proposing controls and regulations that can neither control nor regulate a runaway economy approaching the day of its destruction. If the accelerating tempo of the coming economic crisis were accompanied by audible sound, it would now be heard as an ever-increasing roar.

Nevertheless, there is a note of comfort in all this for those who are alert to the meaning of the times in which we live, for closely associated with the summons to the Marriage Supper is a world-wide economic holocaust. This is made clear by a careful study of the events outlined in the 18th chapter of Revelation that end with the destruction of Babylon the Great and the announcement made at the Marriage Supper of the fall of Babylon the Great. Apparently those gathered at this festival are told of that destruction, which became so closely associated with the events surrounding the summons to go in to the Supper that they were unaware of the full meaning of what was transpiring upon the earth. This would account for the need for the announcement at the Supper so that those present might be informed of the full significance of what had taken place while they were preparing to heed the midnight cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."

The fact that the midnight hour runs from January 22, 1952 to March 10, 1952, and the third watch from January 22, 1952 to November 5, 1952 of the year that is 2520 years after 569 B.C. when Nebuchadnezzar set up the image of gold, is not without great significance. Of one thing we may be certain, 1950 A.D. did witness the beginning of events that are completely dislocating our economy, with every factor, prophetic or otherwise, con-

firmed the deduction that an economic crisis is close at hand. Chronology focuses upon the year 1952 as climactic in the judgment upon the system in which John was told was found the blood of prophets and God's people and of all who have been slaughtered upon the earth. No wonder the Apostle heard, as the result of the announced destruction of an oppressive and soul-destroying economy, the sound of shouting from those gathered at the Marriage Supper:

"After that I heard what sounded like the loud shout of a great multitude in heaven saying, Praise the Lord! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God for his judgments are sound and upright. For he has passed judgment upon the great idolatress who corrupted the earth with her idolatry, and he has avenged the blood of his slaves upon her! . . . Then he said unto me, Write: 'Blessed are they who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' These, he said to me, are the true words of God." (Rev. 19: 1-9, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

Christian men and women should not become disturbed as they see the hour of judgment approaching, knowing the destruction of the system must precede the restoration:

"The world economic slate will be wiped clean. Vested interests, banking institutions, insurance companies, annuity funds and all interest-bearing savings and hoarded wealth of every description will be swept away." (*Study in Daniel*, * page 106.)

If their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, it is a time of rejoicing for them, for the end of the period of probation, destitution, want and suffering is at hand. It is the time of which Daniel was speaking when he said, "Thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." It heralds the coming resurrection, "when many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake," and it is the time when rewards are to be given, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

When the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, the world at large will have cause for fear, but the Lord will be with the righteous and will deliver them out of all trouble.

SOLUTION OF AN ENIGMA

MANY HAVE BEEN puzzled because certain individuals who for years were definitely pro-Soviet Russia seem now to be violently opposed to Stalin, yet they continue to manifest pro-Communist characteristics. It has been an enigma to comprehend the anti-Stalin attitude of certain radio commentators who at the same time have been violent in their opposition to individuals and movements fighting both Zionism and Communism.

The solution to the riddle lies in the fact that at the moment there is a struggle for power going on in the Communist ranks between two factions, both definitely pro-Marxist and therefore Communist. Today these two antagonistic groups are exchanging blows with each other for leadership.

The revolt of Tito from the domination of Soviet Russia was a major step forward in anti-Stalinism and Titoism has now come to mean any brand of Communist nationalism that is anti-Stalin. On one side is the Stalin

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group and on the other is the group represented by the Marxists who support the Titoist type of Communist nationalism and are therefore in opposition to Stalin. Both groups are Communist and both are ruthless; a dictatorship governed by either one would bring enslavement to the people of the world. However, this split accounts for certain otherwise inexplicable situations.

In his radio broadcast of Sunday, September 9th, Drew Pearson boasted of the accomplishment, through the distribution of pamphlets by the release of balloons behind the Iron Curtain, of the recent overthrow of Stalinist leadership in Czechoslovakia. It is interesting to note that this was evidently a replacement of Stalinism by a leadership of the Tito type of nationalism and it was not an overthrow of Marxian Communism. Communism still continues in control.

When Walter Winchell repudiates Stalin, but does not condemn Marxism, the reason seems to be quite clear. In the early days of World War II he was definitely supporting Stalin and condemning those who were in opposition to Communism. Because of his present opposition to Stalin, the unthinking assume that he is against Marxism; but it should be recognized that the Tito brand of Communism, without Stalin, is the objective of those who continue to use the smear technique against patriotic men and women fighting Communism.

When all this is fully realized, it solves the enigma concerning those who in the past were one hundred percent for Stalin and are now vilifying him, while at the same time retaining their Marxist leanings. As pointed out in "When Shall the End Be?" (this issue), the establishment of the Zionist state in Palestine was the setting up in the Holy Land of the *Abomination* spoken of by Daniel the Prophet. Support of Zionism with full knowledge of its program places the individual doing so in the camp of the enemy. Both Drew Pearson and Walter Winchell are strong supporters of the Zionist cause. We said in "A Day of Great Deception," *DESTINY* for March 1951:

"Today Zionists hold key positions in Washington, with the result that the whole government of this great nation is under their blighting influence, and this is equally true of the government of Great Britain. What is generally overlooked, yet comprises a situation fraught with portentous seriousness from the standpoint of the welfare of our nation, is the fact that Political Zionism and Communism are Siamese twins of subversive intrigue in behalf of world revolution. In his book, *Somewhere South of Suez*,* Douglas Reed recognizes this to be so and he states:

"The two Asiatic movements which arose in the first war and reaped the victory of the second one were Soviet Communism and Political Zionism. Their conquests, however, were not achieved by arms, but by the skillful application of a new science: that of gaining and exerting power through the men in charge of great affairs in all countries. To see the shape of the future, it was necessary to realize that the advance of Soviet Communism to the center of Europe was enabled and approved by the leaders of Britain and America at conferences, held while the fighting continued, which were kept secret from the public masses. It was necessary to realize also that the Zionist invasion of Palestine, which in my opinion was but the prelude to much larger events in that part of the world, was similarly promoted and made possible by the leaders of Britain and America. This process, or these processes (for Communism and Zionism moved hand in hand from their emergence in 1917 on), began in the first war. Neither the Communist occupation of half Europe nor the

Zionist annexation of Palestine was ever explained among the aims of the second war, but these results of it vastly transcended all others achieved. The ostensible aims of the war were in fact hardly achieved anywhere at all, for even those countries which were "liberated" were required to submit to a new international agency, for the nonce called the United Nations, in which these secret influences were clearly likely to be paramount; they were proved so at the outset in the matter of Palestine." (Page 37.)"

Why did William Averell Harriman go to Belgrade to visit Tito following the British-Iran talks? In *Review of World Affairs*, *DESTINY* for September 1951, Kenneth de Courcy reports in detail that there has been a revolt against Stalin and the Politburo dictatorship without conversion from Communism. Stalin's methods are disapproved and the feeling is that he has betrayed the revolution, but a decline in Stalinism has not meant a similar decline in Marxism. Continuing, Mr. de Courcy said:

"A still further tendency has developed; a short while ago the leftists feared that, if war with Russia came, it would be fought from an anti-Communist platform, and that the essential war propaganda would reveal all the facts about 30 years of Communism in Russia and smash the Marxist school for generations — if not for ever. Now they see a chance of fighting Russia as Communists — a merely punitive measure against a ruthless traitor.

"The anti-Stalin Marxists are not only thankful for Tito but would give anything to enlist Mao. What with these two forces, plus all the Communist deviationists in Europe and the growing leftward tendencies in India, Africa and South America, could not Stalin be destroyed with capitalist help by a political force itself dominated by Communist thought? This new opinion — moving toward a plan — is gaining ground. Bevan's visit to Tito should be noticed.

"Thus, there are two powerful forces at work within our own camp: the agents of Stalinist Russia who are very numerous and the agents of an embryo Fourth International, which could quite easily become as dangerous."

The present build-up of Tito by our State Department is most disquieting in the light of these revelations, for the murderer of Mikhailovich, who was responsible for shooting down unarmed U. S. transport planes in 1945, and who has also been destroying freedom of education and religion in Yugoslavia, is far from a safe ally under any circumstances.

The internal struggle for power within the ranks of the Marxist-Communist group explains much. We are indeed living in a time of deception and the deceivers would lull the American people into forgetfulness of their real intentions by proclaiming they are anti-Stalin, while all the time they are working undeviatingly for Marxist world revolution.

IT HAPPENED

RECENTLY A RADIO SPEAKER, conducting a question-and-answer program, told his listening audience there is no need to fear meteors because no one was ever struck by them. Within a week or two after his broadcast the following news item from Tehran was published in the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* under the date line of August 16, 1951:

"A 'downpour' of meteorites killed 12 persons, injured 19, and flattened 62 buildings near the South Iranian city of Shiraz Monday, Tehran newspapers reported today."

But even though we did not possess this modern confirmation that death is possible from meteoric matter, the

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Bible records that a gigantic shower of such stones in the time of Joshua killed so many of the soldiers in the enemy armies that the account states:

"And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword." (Josh. 10: 11.)

That a massive destruction of armed forces by meteoric showers is to take place in the not too distant future is very clear from a study of the prophets. Ezekiel speaks of the destruction of the armies of Soviet Russia and their satellites in the following terms:

"I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone." (Ez. 38: 22.)

A close study of this passage and an analysis of the original text reveals the startling fact that a meteoric shower of great stones, some of which will be fiery-hot, will be poured out upon the enemies of righteousness to halt their evil aggression. As a result the Lord declares that He will be magnified in the sight of all nations and they will acknowledge that He is the Lord.

INCREASE IN TEMPO

IN DEALING WITH the unfolding pattern of events, we pointed out last month that, while the international issues remained critical, they manifested a tendency toward delay that was postponing the inevitable showdown. Since August 31, 1951, however, there has been a change in tempo and the trend is again showing a build-up that is becoming highly critical. Following August 7, 1951:

Five minutes, or 8 days, later:

August 15 — KOREA: Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy suggested a 2-man subcommittee to discuss buffer zone. It was stated that failure may mean resumption of full scale war.

IRAN: Iranian govt. refused to accept a British plan whereby Iran's oil industry would be owned by Iran but operated by a new agency employing mostly British technicians. U. S. mediator W. Averell Harriman backed British proposal.

INDIA: Frank Graham cabled U. S. he had given up hope of settling dispute between India and Pakistan.

GERMANY: 9,000 Soviet-zone Free German Youth members attending World Youth Festival tried to parade through West Berlin in an anti-U. S. demonstration. Stone-throwing Red youths driven back by West Berlin police.

August 16 — KOREA: Communists countered with suggestion that subcommittee contain 2 men from each side. Vice Adm. Joy agreed.

August 17 — KOREA: First meeting of new subcommittee held to discuss buffer zone to assist progress of truce talks. No definite report of results.

IRAN: Deadlock in oil negotiations between Britain and Iran. Moslem fanatics knifed 5 policemen during an anti-British riot in Tehran.

Five minutes, or 8 days, later:

August 23 — KOREA: Truce talks canceled by Chinese and North Korean Communists on a trumped-up charge.

IRAN: British oil talks collapse. Lord Privy Seal Richard

Stokes and his mission flew home to London. Mossadegh stated: "It is finished." Evacuation of British oil workers from Iran proceeded on new orders from London.

August 24 — KOREA: No new development on armistice talks. UN forces ordered to get ready for a new offensive and expect stepped-up air power.

IRAN: British stated purpose to defend Abadan refinery. Iran offered to sell crude oil to all nations.

August 25 — KOREA: Gen. Ridgway ignored charges of truce violations but stated willingness to renew cease fire talks.

YUGOSLAVIA: W. Averell Harriman arrived in Belgrade for conference with Tito.

INDIA: India announced it would not attend the conference to sign the Japanese Peace Treaty in San Francisco.

Five minutes, or 8 days, later:

August 31 — U. S.: Secy. of State Dean Acheson left for San Francisco for 52-nation conference called to sign a U. S.-sponsored Japanese peace treaty to open September 4. Acheson made statement the Soviet Russian delegation would not be allowed to disrupt the San Francisco conference.

U. S.: Assoc. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas stated U. S. recognition of Red China would help undermine Peking's ties with Moscow and be "a real political victory" for West. Sen Brien McMahon replied Douglas is "without influence" on U. S. foreign policy and stated the U.S.S.R. accuses us of what they intend to do.

GERMANY: Britain admitted West Germany to the sterling transferable account area to facilitate its trade with the sterling area.

YUGOSLAVIA: Government's explanation of its new economic decentralization plan is that it would allow the law of supply and demand to operate with less dictation by govt.

September 1 — U. S.: The Soviet delegation arrived in San Francisco.

U. S.: A mutual defense pact, pledging the 3 countries to build up their armed strength and "act to meet the common danger," was signed in San Francisco by U. S., Australia and New Zealand.

EGYPT: UN Security Council asked Egypt to lift Suez Canal blockade of shipping to Israeli state, but Egypt refused to comply.

GERMANY: Autobahn traffic between West Berlin and West Germany slowed up when Russians imposed a new "road repair" tax on Western vehicles passing through Soviet zone; charges to range from \$2.38 for a private car to \$20.38 for a heavy truck. U. S. countered that no new East-West German trade would be permitted until tax is lifted.

September 2 — U. S.: Japanese Premier Yoshida arrived in San Francisco by plane with his delegation.

KOREA: War accelerated. History's longest jet plane battle to date fought.

IRAN: First sale of oil under nationalization; purchaser not named.

CHINA: Report released concerning mutual defense pact signed by Asiatic nations on August 11.

Five minutes, or 8 days, later:

September 8 — U. S.: The Japanese Peace Treaty signed in San Francisco by 49 nations (Russia, Czechoslovakia

and Poland did not sign).

KOREA: Gen. Ridgway still insistent concerning change of meeting site from Kaesong if truce talks to be resumed.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Report that government has been completely reorganized after purge of Stalinist leadership.

RUSSIA: Threat made that signing of Japanese peace treaty means new war in Far East.

IRAN: Four British destroyers sent to Iran to protect British interests at Abadan.

GERMANY: Russians seize 1,000 Western Berlin vehicles.

September 9 — KOREA: Increased tempo in fighting.

U. S.: Russian delegation left San Francisco. Secretary Acheson, Britain's Herbert Morrison and France's Robert Schuman left together by plane for Washington, D. C.

September 10 — U. S.: Formal meeting of foreign prime ministers, Herbert Morrison and Robert Schuman with State Secretary Acheson to discuss international foreign policy.

INDIA: Announcement made that India will make separate peace treaty with Japan.

KOREA: Russian-type rockets land behind allied lines. Speculation increased that Reds may soon launch a major offensive.

IRAN: Govt. announced it will issue Britain an ultimatum demanding resumption of oil negotiations on Iranian terms within 15 days. Otherwise Deputy Premier Hossein Fatemi warned Iranian police ready to take necessary steps to oust British remaining at refinery center of Abadan.

IRAN: Britain cut off Iran's supply of dollars from sterling bloc sources and prohibited export of scarce goods to that country.

The significance of our position at mid-date in the second watch of the night may be more accurately evaluated by reviewing the events when the critical stage in the conflict was reached at the center of the first watch. November 16, 1950 was the middle date of the first watch of the night, at which time the armed forces of China were definitely committed to the conflict. As stated in *Watchman, What of the Night?**

"Ten days later (November 26) the Chinese broke from their northwest Korean stronghold in unexpected strength, shattering the center of the UN line and crushing the win-the-war offensive which had been launched by General MacArthur."

This was a very important ten-day period, during which we saw an acceleration in the Korean conflict that was ominous from every viewpoint. The parallel today is most striking, for the ten-day period in the center of this second watch of the night, from August 31 to September 10, 1951, has witnessed an increase in tempo in the developing crisis.

Information was released during this period that the Reds had assembled 850,000 men, including some Europeans, and 1,000 planes, 500 tanks and radar-directed anti-aircraft batteries for a possible new Korean drive. The ten days ended with the report on September 10 that giant Russian rockets were fired into UN lines. The news item stated:

"The whole Korean War front seethed with activity Monday

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[September 10]. Reds in the central sector tried out giant 132-mm. rockets of the same size as the 'Katushas' used by Russia in World War II."

Thus, the unfolding pattern is a harbinger of increased conflict, not of peace.

INTENSIFYING CONFLICT

WHILE PRESIDENT TRUMAN TALKS of peace, the war grows more intense. The cease-fire talks, as of the present writing, may as well be written off. Meantime, stepped-up activities on Korean battlefields seem to be a prelude to a resumption of all-out war that could readily expand into a major conflict.

It is interesting to turn back to President Truman's address on Wednesday, April 11, 1951, in which he undertook to justify his firing of General Douglas MacArthur. He tried to vindicate his action by stating that he was for peace, but General MacArthur was undertaking to expand the conflict into full scale war.

The present peace treaty signed with Japan at San Francisco was the result of General MacArthur's wise statesmanship in handling Japanese affairs. The terms of that treaty, which were arrived at with assistance from him, alone demonstrate that General MacArthur was far from a warmonger as the smear technique of the propaganda boys at Washington has tried to intimate.

Following the removal of General MacArthur, subsequent events in Korea have demonstrated that, instead of expanding the war, General MacArthur was endeavoring to bring the conflict in the Far East to a speedy end by striking the enemy where it would have really hurt. The cease-fire proposal of Jacob Malik was a subtle move to extricate the Red Chinese from a most difficult position. The objective now having been accomplished, the Reds are showing by their present tactics how little they are really interested in establishing peace.

While it is true that casualties would have been inevitable if General MacArthur had been allowed to pursue the course he outlined, yet the total casualties will be much greater in the prolonged struggle which has been made inevitable by the refusal to follow the plan laid down at the time he advanced it.

We are now face to face with a struggle of indefinite length, with no hope of ending the conflict in the foreseeable future. We have withheld our punches under a vascillating policy of "little men" who have played politics while shackling a fighting man's desire to use everything at his command to bring the war to a quick and successful conclusion. Ultimately the MacArthur program may have to be adopted in its entirety, but unfortunately it will be too late to secure the full advantage such a policy would have given our forces a year ago.

DESTROYING PROSPERITY

THROUGH ISAIAH THE PROPHET the Lord issues a call to all those whom He has commissioned to warn His people:

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." (Isa. 58: 1.)

No section of God's people today is immune from the necessity to declare to them their transgressions, pointing out their sins. Throughout the years DESTINY has been calling attention to the shortcomings of our national gov-

ernment and the sins of the people, declaring the imperative need for an awakening to spiritual values and a turning to righteousness. It is our purpose to continue these efforts, regardless of the political party that may be in power at the time. Both Democrats and Republicans are tarred with the same brush, for all the evidence indicates that these two major parties are playing politics with the welfare and peace of our nation.

But in carrying out the prophetic declaration to "cry aloud, spare not" we would be negligent in our duty if we failed to point out the shortcomings of the nations associated with us, especially those who are our blood brethren.

So long as we were exposing the evils of official Washington and berating our nation for its failure to follow the path of righteousness, very little unfavorable reaction resulted. Now that DESTINY has found it necessary to call attention to the errors of administration at London, protests have come from pro-British Americans reprimanding us for making unfavorable references to British policies, reminding us that Great Britain is Israel.

We are well aware of the fact that Great Britain is a commonwealth of Israel nations, just as the United States is the Great People to which Jacob referred in blessing Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh (Gen. 48: 19), but this in no way grants immunity from condemnation to either nation when transgressions and evil are in evidence among them. As a matter of fact, once the Israel peoples are identified, it is even more urgent that their sins be pointed out and the people called to arise and cleanse their lands of all iniquity if God is to bless His nations. Just as surely as subversive forces are at work within the government at Washington, they are also very much at work within the government at London. Fulton Lewis, Jr., described the prevailing conditions well in his daily column, written this summer from London, when he said:

"Briefly, Great Britain is the prisoner of a stupid, incompetent and vindictive corporation of overgrown war politicians, who came into power on phoney promises and whose present goal is to stay there for the livelihood which government jobs afford.

"When the Socialist-Labor government took control at the close of the war, Britain's problem was the same as that of the rest of Europe: Re-establishment of a self-supporting economy, with sufficient additional work to restore the damage left in the wake of war. The inescapable medicine, therefore, was work and self-discipline and a national production greater than ever before.

"In contrast, however, the Attlee government has chosen the opposite direction. To beguile the people into supporting them at the polls, they have concocted a program whereby government purports to give the individual far more than he has ever had before in the most prosperous years of empire history, in return for less work than ever before."

After pointing out how private enterprise has been strangled and the fact that, instead of going into economic production, the manpower of the nation is going into non-productive tax-consuming frills, with nationalized industry operating without regard to balance sheets, Mr. Lewis states:

"Taken as a whole, here is a completely vagrant economy, which has been able to survive, thus far, only by virtue of the loans and gifts that have been siphoned out of the pockets of the American people in the various foreign aid programs.

"It is a morally bankrupt exhibition of commercial politics, peddling the alluring promise to keep the people in the manner to which they would like to become accustomed — and to do so

with a minimum of effort on their part."

Let you think this applies to Great Britain alone, one only has to watch how the people vote in the United States when the politicians make extravagant promises!

How naïve can a people become? When at last the wealth of the nation is gone and the results of centuries of labor and effort on the part of our forefathers have finally been dissipated, what will the people do then? The same forces that have succeeded in bringing to pass the present situation in Great Britain, which is spelling disaster for her great empire, are even now working to accomplish the same end in the United States of America. Those back of all this are enemies of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, using "little men" in office to accomplish their purposes. When the wealth is gone on which the politicians can draw, the people will have to go to work and rebuild from the beginning once more.

It may take the complete bankruptcy of all human schemes before the awakening will come. When there are no more wealthy citizens, whose property the politicians can confiscate, and when the returns from nationalized private industry have been squandered, and all business is bankrupt, a revolt will sweep over the Anglo-Saxon world that will be very unhealthy for those responsible for bringing about economic chaos.

CURBING CRIME

CRIME IS ON THE increase everywhere. Murder, sex offenses, theft and violence of every description are displayed in the headlines of our papers as daily happenings. Laxity of enforcement of the prescribed penalties against criminals when apprehended and insufficient modes of punishment are contributing factors to this increase in violence and bloodshed in our midst.

One of the greatest causes for the increase in crime among juvenile delinquents is the very thorough educational facilities furnished them in moving pictures, the radio and on the television screen. The producers of such demoralizing skits and pictures are corrupting our youth, using the very best mediums available to educate them in the ways of the criminal. A permanent ban should be placed on the display of all pictures of passion and crime because of the unfavorable impression they make on the adolescent mind. They are not constructively informative, educational or good entertainment, even for the adult population of our land, and only the insatiable desire to capitalize upon human passions for financial gain keeps such pictures and programs in production. The producers of such things are the best allies the Devil has in reaching millions whom he would never be able to influence in the ways of sin but for their help.

There is a solution that can materially curb the present tendency to glorify crime, but unfortunately men and women have departed so far away from the Word of God that they refuse to even consider it. So we suffer by our refusal to restore the administration of the Law of the Lord which would certainly deter many who today contemplate committing crimes against society and their fellow men.

Following the abolition of the source of the education of many in crime, the first step in meeting the present situation would be to restore the justice of the Divine administration of law in our courts. One of the most im-

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WHEN SHALL THE END BE?

DANIEL THE PROPHET was given some remarkable visions in which he was shown in panoramic outline the events that will bring the present age to its close. He was a party to the conversation of Angelic Beings discussing things to come and he heard the question asked by one, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?" Daniel listened to the answer as interesting time periods were given and under oath the answering Angel stated that, when the power of him who scattered the Holy people ended, all these things would be finished. Then Daniel exclaimed:

"And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?" (Dan. 12: 8.)

Sealed Until End

Daniel was informed that the words were bound up and sealed until the time of the end, at which time the wise shall understand. Then, through Daniel, instructions were given to the wise who at that time are to be able to apply time periods from certain event signs that will provide the answer Daniel was seeking.

Jesus Christ, in His Olivet discourse, as recorded in Matthew, chapter 24, selected one of the event signs given through Daniel as of so much importance that He warned that, when it came to pass, it should alert the wise that the end of the age was at hand. His instructions were to turn to Daniel and take careful note of the information given to the prophet, for the event would be highly significant and would involve Jerusalem and Palestine at the end of the age.

Restoration of Kingdom

Evidently, as the result of Jesus' words, one question became uppermost in the disciples' minds and, just before His ascension from the Mount of Olives, they asked Him:

"Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1: 6.)

His reply was:

"It is not for you to know times and dates which the Father has fixed by his own authority, but you will be given power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem and all over Judea and Samaria and to the very ends of the earth." (Acts 1: 8, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

By His answer His disciples were told what must be accomplished first before the time could come for the Kingdom to be restored to Israel. While the Kingdom had already been taken from the Jews (Matt. 21: 43), the restoration to Israel was to be a process which would not be consummated until the age itself came to an end. Actually, Jesus had already told them when the restoration would come.

The Jews of our Lord's day ceased to be His people as a result of their rejection of Him as Redeemer. This verdict was prophetically pronounced upon them through Daniel the Prophet because of their rejection of their Messiah:

"And [the Jews] they shall be no more his people; or, and the prince's [Messiah's] future people." (Marginal rendering in the King James Version of a portion of Dan. 9: 26.)

The King James translators recognized this to be the correct rendering of the Hebrew text, but having assumed that the Jews were the chosen people of God, it was contrary to their belief to accept such a rendering. However, because it was an accurate translation of the Hebrew, it was given as a marginal note in the King James Version.

Disciples' Mission

The disciples of our Lord were well acquainted with the facts. They knew that the Jews had repudiated their Messiah and His teachings and that He had renounced them as His people. They also knew that the House of Israel was a great multitude of people far to the north of Palestine at that time, so they were interested to know whether Jesus would restore the Kingdom to them now that the Jews had rejected Him.

But, instead, Jesus charged them with a special mission they were to inaugurate before the time of restoration could come—the performance of the task of carrying the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. He had, however, previously told them when the restoration could be looked for when He said:

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24: 14.)

In this statement our Lord identified the specific phase of the Gospel that would be propagated just before the end came, in that the *Gospel of the Kingdom* was to be preached, as a witness only, to all nations. This Gospel is now being proclaimed; therefore, special attention should be given to His concluding remark, "And then shall the end come."

Important Sign

Immediately following this prediction, Jesus gave an event sign of major importance and, in doing so, He referred His followers to Daniel the Prophet for further understanding concerning its meaning. He said:

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) . . . For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt. 24: 15-22.)

Complying with our Lord's instructions, let us turn to Daniel, where we find the first reference to the *Abomination* in Daniel 9: 26-27. There it is associated with the cessation of the sacrifice and oblation:

"And the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end wars and desolations are determined [literal rendering]. . . . In the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolator [literal rendering]."

Smith and Goodspeed render this:

"And the end shall come in a flood, with war raging to the end; . . . And for half of the week sacrifice and offering shall cease, while in their place there shall be a desolating abomina-

tion, till at the end the doom that is determined shall be poured out upon the desolating thing."

Midst of Week

As pointed out in *Study in Daniel*,* pages 252-255, peace was literally taken from the earth when, in the midst of the great Jubilee week (the fiftieth Jubilee on the post-exile Jubilee count which ran from 1890 A.D. to 1939 A.D.), World War I began in the summer of 1914 A.D. At the same time the sacrificial services the Anglo-Saxon world had been rendering other nations in their missionary activities, and through the establishment of justice and peace in heathen lands, came to an end.

These facts set forth the importance of the dates, June 28, 1914, when Archduke Francis Ferdinand was assassinated at Serajevo, and August 4, 1914, when Great Britain was at war with Germany. Austria presented an ultimatum to Serbia on July 23, 1914, to be answered within 48 hours. On July 26 Sir Edward Grey suggested a conference of England, France, Germany and Italy to prevent the development of complications between Austria and Russia, but Germany declined to accede. Austria declared war on Serbia July 28, 1914.

Russia began to mobilize and a state of war was declared by Germany as existing between herself and Russia on August 1, 1914. German troops invaded Luxemburg and crossed the French frontier on August 2, 1914 and on August 3rd Germany formally declared war on France.

Britain protested Germany's violation of Belgium's neutrality and was at war with Germany on August 4, 1914. Eventually 29 nations (termed the Allies) were in the conflict or had ruptured diplomatic relations with the Central Powers — Germany and her three associates, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria.

Red Terror Established

Definite reference is made to the *Abomination That Maketh Desolate* in the final instructions given to Daniel:

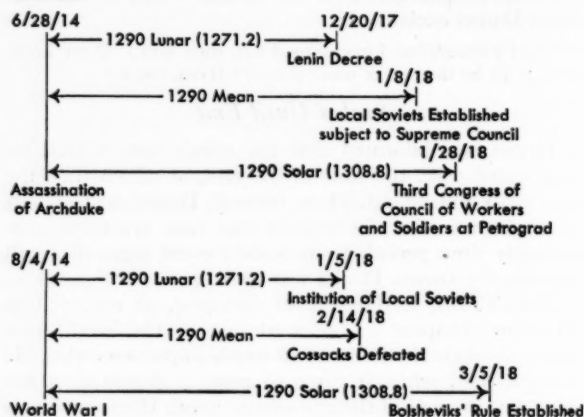
"And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." (Dan. 12: 11-13.)

Before World War I terminated on November 11, 1918 the *Abomination That Maketh Desolate* began to be revealed. It was on December 20, 1917 that Lenin issued a decree in Russia creating Revolutionary Tribunals (*Cheka*) for the suppression of counter-revolution, thus inaugurating the "Red Terror." By March of 1918 the Bolsheviks had defeated the Cossacks and were established in power in Russia. Thus, there was revealed to the world the rise of a new sinister force destined to become a great confederacy direct by an evil cabal to be reckoned with by all nations, for the *Abomination* that was to desolate to the extreme had taken over control in Russia. There a government was instituted that would, through evil aggression, prevent the establishment of peace upon earth. It would marshal all of its might to attain its objective — world domination.

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The Desolator's Number

Daniel informs us that the number of the Desolator is 1290 and, having arrived at the period when the time measures given to the prophet will operate in days instead of years (see "A Day of Great Deception," *DESTINY* for March 1951, pp. 81-82), the following tabulation of events at the end of 1290 days on the lunar, mean and solar scales yields some telling results. Following Daniel's directions and measuring from June 28, 1914 and August 4, 1914, when "the daily sacrifice was taken away" (see *Study in Daniel*, pp. 252-255), we discover that the terminal period from December 20, 1917 to March 5, 1918 is marked as climactic in the rise of Bolshevism to controlling power in Russia.



Three Phases

The revealing of the *Abomination* is seen from the prophetic statements concerning it to be determined by its movements which are in three progressive phases:

- 1) Rises to controlling power (in Russia)
- 2) Stands in Holy Place (established in Palestine)
- 3) Overspreading (throughout the earth)

Its seizure of control in Russia has been dealt with, but Jesus' reference to the significance of this *Abomination* was associated with its taking up its stand in the Holy Place. Mark's Gospel states, "Standing where it ought not" (Mark 13: 14). It was to this move as an event sign that Jesus referred for the purpose of alerting the wise. The question is, then, When did this take place?

Diplomatic Recognition

It will be recalled that President Roosevelt extended recognition to the Bolshevik regime by bringing about diplomatic relations between the United States and Soviet Russia in 1933, thus opening the way for Communist infiltration into key positions in our government and its State Department. This recognition also made it possible for the Soviets to engage in espionage and sabotage in our country and steal our most carefully guarded secrets. Fifteen years, i.e., one prophetic hour, later, in 1948, President Truman extended United States recognition to the establishment of the *Abomination That Maketh Desolate* in the Holy Land. As pointed out in the article titled "A Day of Great Deception" (*DESTINY* for March 1951):

"Now we have reached that time in the march of history when the final and major fulfillment is to take place. In this

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An Unusual Prayer

By C. R. DICKEY

MANY PRAYERS are recorded in the Bible. Some are widely known and used in public worship and in private devotion. The most familiar and beloved of all are the Lord's Prayer, as recorded by Matthew, and Jesus' tender prayer for His disciples in John 17. Among the more familiar prayers we find also Solomon's beautiful prayer at the dedication of the Temple; and Hezekiah's earnest plea for God's intervention as he sat with Sennacherib's threatening letter spread out before him.

One prayer is unique in its spirit of selflessness, its complete disregard of personal consequences. It is Moses' intercessory prayer in Exodus 32: 31-32:

"Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin — ; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written."

A prayer not so generally known — and perhaps the most unusual of all — is Agur's petition in Proverbs 30: 7-9:

"Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."

Here we have a man actually praying that God will give him *neither poverty nor riches*. He wants to be a middle-class man. He wants to be spared the temptations of too little on the one hand and too much on the other. He wants the Lord to be the judge and grant whatever means will be best for him — "*feed me with food convenient for me*." He wants to be spared the vanity and deceit that mark the man who craves prestige and self-glorification. Too much wealth might tempt him to believe he has no need of the Lord; too much poverty might tempt him to steal and profane God's holy name.

Unquestionably Agur's prayer is justified by centuries of history and by personal experiences in our world

today. Sacred history gives us a classic example in the story of King Solomon, the Bible's richest man. All will remember the enormous size of Solomon's court, which was augmented by the numerous servants attending each individual member. Besides the main palace, a magnificent establishment was built for the queen, a daughter of Pharaoh.

The historians mention that Solomon had many horses brought up from Egypt and Arabia. He had 12,000 horsemen, 1400 chariots and 40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots (I Kings 4: 26); these were not all in Jerusalem, as some were placed in various centers called "chariot cities." Megiddo is named as one of these chariot cities.

In a paragraph on "Solomon's Stables," Dr. H. H. Halley writes:

"The Oriental Institute has uncovered the ruins of these stables, with their stone hitching-poles and the mangers out of which the horses ate, room for five hundred horses. Nearby are the ruins of a large house which was occupied by one of Solomon's army officers, with a foundation stone inscribed with Solomon's seal, the 'Shield of David.'" (*Bible Handbook*, 1943, p. 86.)

Unless one has read the story lately, it may be of interest to recall that provisions for one day in the King's household consisted of approximately 270 bushels of flour, 540 bushels of meal, 30 head of oxen, 100 sheep, "besides harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl" (I Kings 4: 22-23). The lavishness of the period is disclosed further in the account of the Queen of Sheba's visit to Solomon's court. She came bearing gifts of rare spices, precious stones and talents of gold amounting to an "inconsequential" sum of three and a half million dollars.

In I Kings 10, we read:

"And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. . . . So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear

his wisdom, which God had put in his heart."

Thus we see that Solomon got off to a grand start as the world's wisest and wealthiest king. Judah and Israel dwelt safely, "every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba in the days of Solomon." If ever a man lived who could be trusted to use riches wisely, Solomon gave promise of being that man. Yet in I Kings 11, the next chapter after the one containing the tribute quoted above, the historian writes:

"But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites. . . . For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. . . . And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded."

How are the mighty fallen! Solomon, the wisest of men, could not stand the test of great wealth and power. Agur's words glow with keen discernment against this dark background — "lest I be full, and deny Thee, and say, Who is the Lord?"

Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is considered in many respects the finest novel ever written. This great book begins with Jean Valjean as a lad who eked out a bare existence pruning trees. It was a hard winter when no work was to be found and the family faced starvation. One evening Jean Valjean stood before a baker's window with anguish in his heart. The sight and scent of food intensified the pain of his own hunger; but more than all his soul was tortured by the distress in his mother's face and by the crying of his famished sisters and brothers.

In desperation he broke the baker's window and took one loaf of bread. He was caught and sentenced to five years in prison. Several times he tried to

escape, only to be captured and receive a fresh sentence for each offence. Finally after nineteen years as a galley-slave, he was released. Nineteen years of unspeakable cruelty and suffering for stealing one loaf of bread! He had gone to prison trembling and sobbing with heartbreak; he came out filled with vengefulness and hatred of all men.

Agur must have had such a scene in mind when he prayed to be spared the temptation of dire poverty — "lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain." "Lord," pleaded this man with rare insight, "give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me." In other words, make me a middle-class man. Give me just enough to bring out the best in me and keep me efficient in Thy service. What wisdom! And what a contrast to the almost universal desire for worldly riches!

Fortunately for most of us, we are born into the middle class. Situated between the upper and lower strata, we are neither extremely rich nor extremely poor. It must have been a middle-class man who said, "There are two kinds of kinsfolk — those you are ashamed of, and those who are ashamed of you."

Newspapers would be hard pressed for sensational headline material if they had to depend on middle-class folks for something to write about. Few things of interest to the world at large ever happen to us. Even story writers ignore us. They weave their romances around the whitewashed vices of the rich or the open degradation of the poor. As someone has said, "Publicity passes us by on the other side."

Let those of us who are already in the "temperate latitudes" of the middle class be thankful for our favorable position. We are in the best place possible to develop understanding minds and moral character; we are in the very position which opens the doors of opportunity and gives the widest range for the use of our talents. We are not hampered by the inhibitions induced either by poverty or abundant wealth.

God needed a people upon whose shoulders He could place the responsibilities of His Kingdom, so He made middle-class folks. The very poor are too concerned with the problem of daily living; their minds are likely to be centered on such questions as,

What shall we eat and how shall we be clothed? "The man who is broken down by poverty can neither speak nor act; his tongue is tied and his feet are chained." The very rich are crushed under the burden of their possessions. "The cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in" absorb their time and make them unfruitful in the Kingdom. Therefore, the well-being and progress of both Church and State rest in the main on the great middle class. We are God's chosen vessels, placed by Him in a singularly advantageous position for the advancement of Christian civilization.

It is said that Johns Hopkins of Baltimore, founder of the large university which bears his name, once said to his gardener: "Next to the hell of having no money is the purgatory of possessing too much of it. I have accumulated millions, but not happiness."

Now that we have pointed to the advantages of our stratum in society, let us consider briefly what is happening to us. Some years ago most of us became aware of class struggles, especially in Russia and in Eastern European countries. The conflict, we were told, was between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie. The bourgeoisie class, we were informed, was the big bad wolf causing all the trouble. As time went on we heard much about the glorious achievements of the proletariat and less about the bourgeoisie, until the latter seemed to disappear from the scene of action.

How many of us in this country looked into the matter to find out what really happened in Russia? Most of us went on our careless way without even consulting an ordinary desk dictionary to learn that proletarians as a class are defined, first, as "the poorest and lowest class in a community or state, and second, as 'laborers for day wages not possessed of capital'; and that the bourgeoisie are defined as people 'of middle rank in society, as of the shopkeeping class, hence any person of middle class.'" Among radical socialists, any person with private property interests is referred to as a bourgeois.

Thus it becomes quite clear that the purpose of the Russian Bolshevik revolution was to wipe out the middle class — the people who had neither poverty nor riches — the people who insisted on owning their modest homes,

their little shops, their stores, their small factories and their farms. This was done completely and brutally. The government — that is, the revolutionary planners at the top — owns everything. No man may "buy or sell" save he that has the mark of the beast. None may live save by the will of his evil masters.

The plotters of world revolution know well enough that no powerful nations can be brought under their control without first breaking down the independent middle class. For the people of this class are the backbone of every nation, great or small. So, in dealing with them, conspirators always follow the same pattern. They stir up grievances, real or imaginary, among the proletariat; they foment hatred and unrest by every possible means; then, when the time comes to strike, they use the proletarians in various ways to destroy the bourgeoisie or middle class.

Less than twenty years after the revolution in Russia, Professor L. Tarashevich, a noted Russian sociologist, said in an official report to the League of Nations that thirty million Russians had starved to death since the Communists took over the country. This amazing figure was substantiated by Fridthjof Nansen, then head of the Red Cross world organization. Naturally, when such wholesale slaughter occurs, people of all classes are caught in the whirlpool of death. Both rich and poor suffered the fate of the Romanoff family. Even the rich lose their heads unless they are in league with the conspirators. However, it is an established fact that the majority of Soviet Russia's thirty million dead were white middle-class Christians — the brains of Russia — who had the will to resist the socialistic regime, and would have found the means to overthrow it if they had not been speedily and ruthlessly annihilated.

Professing to set up a classless society in the land of Czarist autocracy, "the communists in Russia have only, in actuality, redealt the cards, with themselves coming out on top as the autocrats. There is still class distinction but with its basis now a political one."

Now the same program is well on its way to success in all English-speaking nations. Using "United Nations," war emergencies, and the lure of "world government" as bait, the international plotters are leading our people to

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Judgment Through Demolition

By HOWARD B. RAND

IS PROPHECY fatalistic? Because the prophets of the Bible foretold coming events, many assume an attitude of fatalism concerning the future, reasoning that, if the pattern of coming things is known, then it must be unchangeable and little, if anything, can be done about it. Actually, nothing is further from the truth.

While the prophets were given messages foretelling the future, those messages were couched in terms that made possible either a rapid or a deferred fulfillment of their prophecies. This is one of the most remarkable aspects of prophecy and in a very large measure accounts for the language used to express prophetic statements. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, provision was made for the climactic phase of the prediction to be reached apace or for a process of retardation, either short or long, to intervene, delaying the final culmination.

This accounts for the use of such terms in relation to prophecy as "short-term" and "long-term" fulfillments, and "minor" and "major" fulfillments, as well as for the principle of double, triple and quadruple applications of prophecy which is dealt with fully in Chapter xx of *Study in Daniel*, pp. 281-295.*

Forks in the Road

Throughout human history there have been many forks in the road when opportunities were present for men and nations to select which course they would pursue. When the selection was made, then certain inevitable results would of necessity follow until an impasse was reached. Then another fork in the road ahead would appear, giving men further opportunities to make a choice. The alternative between a rapid or a deferred fulfillment of prophecy has been dependent upon the course men chose to follow at these times of crisis.

A Call to Repentance

It is imperative to realize that God from time to time provides the means by which, if His people repent, He will bring about peace in their behalf. After the northern ten tribes of the House of Israel were carried away captive into Assyria, the Lord addressed a message to them through Ezekiel, His prophet, and, if they had complied with its conditions, their restoration would have been brought about. It is shown in the article, "Ezekiel's Temple and Sacrifices," by Rev. T. H. Whitehouse, *DESTINY* for April 1948, that before the judgment of dispersion had overtaken the House of Israel, God graciously determined to give them a final opportunity for repentance and restoration, making Ezekiel His ambassador for this purpose:

"He [Ezekiel] was therefore furnished with tangible evidences of his mission in the form of a written scheme, Divinely dictated, of national restoration and reconstruction, and elaborate and exactly drawn plans for a new temple, with all its appointed ritual and priestly service — all of which should come into opera-

tion in their own land, but all made definitely contingent on both houses repenting and seeking God's favor.

"This was to be an *interim* constitution, etc., designed conditionally to fill up the period between the proffered restoration and the end of the legal dispensation and the coming of the Messiah in 'the fulness of time,' then, of course, to pass or merge into the better Messianic or Christian era." (*Ezekiel's Temple and Sacrifices*, *DESTINY* for April 1948, p. 137.)*

House of Israel Refuses

The House of Israel refused to comply with the conditions and the long period of their captivity set in as foretold. Actually, if there were no way for the purposes of God, as predicted by the prophets, to be hastened, then God could be accused of making offers to His people that could not possibly be carried out. But a just and righteous God has at no time called upon His people to repent without at the same time providing the means by which, if their repentance had been forthcoming, He could have brought about a rapid fulfillment of the words of His prophets without causing those words to fail. However, because the people did not elect to heed the Lord, a deferred fulfillment of the climactic phase of the prophetic predictions was therefore determined.

Jesus At the Temple

When Jesus presented Himself at the Temple in Jerusalem to be acknowledged as King, He made a bona fide offer to the nation of the Jews. If the Jews had received Him as King, the very prophecies that have since been fulfilled as the result of the march of events during the long years of the Christian dispensation could have been accelerated and would have rapidly reached a climax, bringing in the benefits of restoration within a comparatively short period of time. However, because the Jews rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah, there came instead an acceleration of judgment upon the Jewish nation, climaxing in the destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

A Bona Fide Offer

It is preposterous to contend that at the First Advent of our Lord He offered the Jews a program He had no intention of carrying out whether or not they fulfilled its conditions. That offer was made in the full knowledge that its acceptance would have brought immediate relief to the nation of the Jews. We, of course, do not know just what turn events would have taken if they had accepted Him as their Messiah, but this we do know that Jesus Himself was aware of the blessings the Jews rejected by their refusal to acknowledge Him when He said:

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt. 23: 37.)

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Jesus was not weeping over a city impossible to save even if the people and its rulers had repented and accepted Him. It was not until the issues surrounding the First Advent had been decided and the crucifixion and resurrection had become actual facts that the seals on the book John saw in vision, sealed with seven seals, could be broken (Rev. 5: 1-4). After the Jews had chosen the course they intended to pursue, and Jesus had triumphed over death, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root and Offspring of David, was able to break the seals and make known the course events were then to follow.

What a different story history would have told if the Jews had accepted their Messiah when He came the first time. The administration of righteousness would have been brought in and the establishment of everlasting peace would have been hastened. Instead, the course the Jews chose to pursue set in motion events that intensified the immediate punishment of those responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, with judgment to come upon their children and multiplied sorrow and tribulation to afflict the whole world for nearly two thousand years more. The deferred fulfillment of judgment upon this race is only now reaching its final climax.

Modern Civilization

The direct result of the rejection of Jesus by the Jews was set forth in our Lord's statement addressed to them:

"The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (Matt. 21: 43.)

It is not necessary here to go into detail concerning the transfer of the Kingdom. History has amply demonstrated that, as a result of the Jewish rejection of Christianity, the disciples of our Lord carried the Gospel evangel to Israel of the ten tribes, then gathered in the Isles of the Sea (the British Isles). Those early missionary efforts planted Christian civilization in the West, where it grew until today it is largely centered in the two great representatives of the Anglo-Saxon world — the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America.

Out of Alignment

Unfortunately, however, in building this civilization, the people of God failed to conform with the righteousness of the Law of the Lord and thus their building has been out of alignment with the perfect pattern. Mr. David Davidson clearly points out this development as it is shown in the allegorical symbolism of the Great Pyramid:

"The building race (the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples), in following the plan laid down by the Master-Builder and His example, built the rough core of Christian civilization ready for the perfect casing to be added under His guidance. But as the builders of the Great Pyramid erred in setting the casing stones to the amount of the displacement factor (286.1 inches), preventing the placing of the capstone, so also the Building Race has erred and built its own casing of Industrial Bondage, in the construction of which they rejected the guidance of the Master-Builder. As in the case of the unfinished Great Pyramid, the error in building the false casing of Christian civilization has been discovered as it approaches apparent completion and the Capstone, Jesus Christ, is unable to take His rightful place as the Head of the Kingdom. The false casing is now in the process of demolition to prepare the Pyramid of Christian civilization for the construction of the perfect casing of the righteousness of the Kingdom laws and their

administration under the guidance and direction of our Lord Jesus Christ." (*Documentary Studies*, Vol. II, p. 480. *)

Process of Demolition

With the outbreak of world war in 1914 the process of demolition of modern Christian civilization began — a fact that should have become evident to all. When, three and a half years later, Jerusalem was liberated from the rule of the Turks (1917 A.D.), it should have been as a trumpet blast to Christendom that the end of the age was at hand. The Times of the Gentiles were indeed drawing to their close, for the sign had appeared in accordance with the warning given by Jesus:

"And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21: 24.)

Three Unclean Spirits

Following the taking of Jerusalem, World War I ended with the Armistice of November 11, 1918. This was succeeded by the passing of parliamentary forms of government, with dictators coming to power in fulfillment of the ancient prediction that they would rise to exercise power as kings just before the age came to its close (Rev. 17: 12-13). As stated in *Study in Revelation*†:

"The World War of 1914-18 A.D. closed the long times of the Gentiles which had their inception with the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. The war began a period of intensified judgment upon men, their political, economic and ecclesiastical activities. The close of the world war saw the passing of continental empires, while parliamentary forms of government gave place to dictators." (Page 57; see also pp. 267-8.)

Also, as predicted, out from among these dictators came three evil forces — Fascism, Nazism and Communism — to which reference is made by John in Revelation:

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." (Rev. 16: 13-14.)

Wrong Choice

If the heads of the nations and their Christian leaders had been alert to the real significance of World War I and the liberation of Jerusalem, they might have begun then to set their affairs in order in compliance with the righteousness of the Divine law, with the result that God would have intervened in their behalf at once to bring about rapid judgment upon the gathering forces of aggression, thus opening the way for the establishment of universal peace. This would have meant that His people would have been spared the suffering and destruction of World War II and the even greater suffering that will result from World War III.

By the year 1936 Christian civilization had reached a fork in the road, with its choice made concerning the way it would go. Chronologically we entered the period defined in the Great Pyramid as the King's Chamber on September 16, 1936. Actually, the Chamber of the Open Tomb loomed before us, but it was also the Hall of the Judgment of the Nations if we failed to make the right choice.

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If the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations had elected at that time to return in full obedience to the Lord, Isaiah's words might have been a clarion call throughout their lands:

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." (Isa. 60: 1.)

The world at large would have come under judgment, but God's people would have escaped the tribulation and darkness afflicting the nations around them. But, in spite of the evidence that a change of times was taking place, with the judgments of God in the earth, the nations and their leaders refused to accept all that was implied in the symbolism of resurrection and, instead of arising to newness of life, they chose to follow the course that made inevitable an acceleration in judgment and war by ignoring the warnings along the way.

On the very threshold of entering the Chamber of the King and the Open Tomb, they elected to make it the Hall of Judgment by their refusal to acknowledge in their affairs the sovereign will of their God who had fully demonstrated His overruling providence in the events during the 22-year period from 1914 to 1936.

Results of Unbelief

Even the economic crisis of 1929 to 1931 failed to bring conviction to the business world that the processes of demolition had already begun to sap the very lifeblood of the system itself, for when the economy of the nations is finally destroyed, the collapse that will follow will bring to an end forever the world order as we have known it.

But momentary reforms were ignored, governments increased their oppressiveness and Hitler was allowed to seize the Rhineland in 1936. Governmental and spiritual leaders alike had failed to conform with the requirements of righteousness, for men had definitely rejected Jesus Christ as the Capstone and no place was found for Him in a civilization out of step with the Divine purpose. Major decisions had been made by 1936 that postponed the establishment of the Kingdom and compelled God to move in judgment to force His people, through much tribulation, to become obedient to His will.

Platform of Unrighteousness

Following the economic difficulties of 1929-1931, the United States of America elected to office a man who advocated the return of strong drink, fulfilling Micah's prediction:

"If a man, walking in a false spirit, should lie, 'I will prophesy [preach] to you of wine and strong drink,' He would be this people's prophet [leader]!" (Micah 2: 11, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

Campaigning on a platform of lies, with promises to balance the budget, curtail government spending and legalize the sale of liquor, Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to the office of the President of the United States in 1933. After he became President the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed, while government spending reached an all-time high under Roosevelt New Dealism.

Crowning Denouement

However, the most significant act of state on the part of President Roosevelt, setting the future course of United States diplomacy in its dealings with other nations, was the recognition of Soviet Russia by the United States in

1933. This determined the nature and outcome of events to follow as no other single happening had done since the end of World War I.

Thereafter, throughout the Roosevelt Administration, Communists infiltrated into key positions in government and paved the way for later disastrous alliances with these foes of righteousness. The nation received ample warning of the subversive program being inaugurated but laughed to scorn the man who gave the warning. In *DESTINY* for December 1941 reference was made to that early timely warning:

"Those who undertake to enlighten the public for the public's own good tread no easy pathway, for unless it is something the public clamors to know, such would-be informers face ridicule and contempt for their pains. This was clearly demonstrated in the court-martialling of General Mitchell a few years ago for undertaking to enlighten the American public regarding bombers, their use and the possibility of aero warfare in the sinking of battleships by air attack.

"Recently, in the perusal of old newspaper and magazine files, we came across another instance of the public's refusal to listen to one who desired to warn of coming conditions. The date when this occurred was in March and April 1934. President Roosevelt had served one year of his first term. Dr. William A. Wirt of Gary, Indiana, wrote a letter in the early spring of that year to a friend in Washington in which he outlined certain plans of the New Deal group as told to him. At that time none of those proposed plans had been adopted. Most of them are now in operation or coming into being, however, under the guidance of New Deal leadership and legislation. Whether or not you agree with what has since taken place, the interesting feature is that Dr. Wirt gave the country an outline of that program and was laughed out of court and the proposed program stigmatized as absurd.

"A Congressional Committee headed by Representative Alfred L. Bulwinkle investigated the charges and finally dropped the matter as of no importance, declaring there was no evidence of a Communistic plot by a group of New Deal satellites. . . . With hardly an exception the newspapers and periodicals ridiculed Dr. Wirt's statements and Dr. Wirt himself, yet the facts he brought out in the investigation have all since come to pass.

"... Dr. Wirt is dead, but the plan outlined by him as it was told to him is very much in evidence today. The way of the prophet, and of those who would enlighten their generation and warn of coming events, is not a road lined with roses, but a pathway strewn with thorns."

Unholy Alliance

World War II struck in 1939 and, while it brought about the complete destruction of the political and military might of the Babylonian Succession of Empires as the result of the unconditional surrender of Germany,* it also witnessed the establishment of an unholy alliance between the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples and Soviet Russia. The war itself gave the enemies within their greatest opportunities to assist the Soviets to power, enabling them to place at the disposal of the Kremlin information and material that would have been difficult, if not impossible, for Russia to have acquired during days of peace. The dominant position occupied by the Kremlin as a result of all this has been exploited by them to the fullest extent, with the result that Soviet Russia, under her tyrannical rulers, has become a far greater menace to world peace today than Hitler was at the height of his power.

If God's people had been obedient to His specific com-

* See "End of Gentile Rule," *Documentary Studies*, Vol. I, pp. 139-43.

mandment, they would have refused to enter into agreements with the enemies of God, for His direct warning concerning alliances with the heathen nations around them was:

"Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods." (Ex. 23: 32.)

But by turning away from righteousness and going to the assistance of the ungodly, His people find themselves today face to face with inevitable bloody conflict as Soviet Russia moves against them in World War III. Again, the Anglo-Saxon world is without excuse, for ample warning had been given to expect treachery in dealing with the men in the Kremlin. In *DESTINY* for July 1941 we said:

"Let us recall that the Anglo-Saxon nations assisted Hitler financially and otherwise in his rise to power, with the hope that he would stem Soviet aggression. Hitler turned on them! Now that Hitler is moving against Russia, will our leaders make a further mistake and go to the assistance of Russia against Germany? . . . If American and British leaders become so foolish as to furnish Russia with military information and assistance, they will have only themselves to blame when, at a later date, it is used against them!"

A Covenant With Death

Following the close of World War II, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations, instead of turning to God to find the way to lasting peace, again looked to the nations around them for salvation from war. The result was the organization of the United Nations, within whose councils the guidance of Almighty God is not sought and the name of Jesus Christ is not mentioned. To uphold the weak and vascillating policies of this conglomeration of Christian and heathen nations, we are now at war in the Far East. It was an organization pledged to banish aggression forever from the earth, but war nevertheless continues, with thousands of our young men dying on faraway battlefields, pawns in the political maneuvers of nations who have no love for us.

Demolition Squads

Meantime, Great Britain turned to Socialism, with the attending privation of the people under nationalization of industries and austerity programs. The United States went from New Dealism to Fair Dealism in government, the latter having since degenerated into Pendergastism at our national capital, with its deplorable record of political corruption and immorality in high places. Rather than solving national difficulties for either country, all this has only accelerated the decline of a great empire and the dissipation of the wealth of a great people.

Demolition squads have been just as busily engaged in

all Anglo-Saxon lands and, although the leaders of these wrecking crews have tried to soothe the fears of the people with palliative promises of prosperity to result from their schemes, the noise of the destruction, as old foundations are undermined and long-standing institutions crumble into ruin, has become such a crescendo that the sound of their voices can scarcely be heard above the clamor of the disintegration all around us. Soon only dust and smoke will arise from the place where once a great civilization was vibrant with life and energy.

Under Extreme Duress

We have entered the night of darkness of the age* and the foes of righteousness are marshalling all their hosts to overwhelm us. The call is going out for God's people to turn to Him, for He alone can save us from annihilation. Isaiah declares it is through righteousness that we shall escape oppression, fear and terror:

"In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee." (Isa. 54: 14.)

Now, under the extreme duress of intensifying judgment, we face a final choice during the watches of this night of darkness as a new fork in the road looms ahead. Literally we are face to face once more with the choice so clearly stated by Moses:

"See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply. . . . I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deut. 30: 15-16; 19.)

Coming Awakening

Chastened by culminating events, a humbled and contrite people will turn to their God in the days ahead, cleansed of all evil, having passed through the fires of tribulation of the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord. In the reconstruction period to follow the ending of the night of darkness for His people, they will build casing stones of righteousness in conformity with the Divine pattern, for the new civilization that will rest on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets will enable Jesus Christ to take His rightful place as Head of the Corner in the glorious era that will then be ushered in.

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Danger Signs Ahead

By L. SHAW BUTLER

NO DOUBT WE all agree that the world is in a chaotic condition and that, in some respects, the immediate future looks very black. The situation baffles the finest brains, while some have hardly any hope of survival. That something of great importance to the future of humanity and the world is about to occur is realized by thinking men everywhere.

Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, Editor of *The Christian Century*, said:

"The world now faces unimaginable danger."

Dr. Raymond B. Fosdick, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, has said:

"To many ears come the sound of the tramp of doom. Time is short."

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Ex-President of Columbia University, declared:

"The end cannot be far distant."

H. G. Wells also declared:

"This world is at the end of its tether. The end of everything we call life is close at hand."

General Dwight Eisenhower has stated:

"Without a moral regeneration throughout the world there is no hope for us as we are going to disappear one day in the dust of an atomic explosion."

General Douglas MacArthur said:

"We have had our last chance. Armageddon is at hand."

Ex-Governor Earle, of Pennsylvania, has observed:

"At least ninety per cent of all Americans now living may be killed by atom bombs within five years."

Mr. Winston Churchill said, as recently as June 7th, 1951:

"The first fifty years of the twentieth century have been among the most terrible that the human race has ever lived through — two frightful wars, immense disturbance and destruction of human life. On the other hand, they have contained the greatest promise for the future in the advance of science, in the broadening of the assembly of peoples in every way. All hangs in the

balance now. No one can judge. Posterity alone can say whether this has been a great age or an age which preceded vast disaster."

The question remains with us, Is it to be "a great age or an age which preceded vast disaster?" There are other questions. Why is it that men cannot live in peace? What is wrong? Why should there be war and still more war? How can things be adjusted? What can be done? These questions are challenging.

The utter stupidity of war amazes us in our saner moments. The cost of the last war was colossal. According to the "International Review of Diplomatic and Political Science," Geneva:

"More than 21,000,000 men killed in battle; 15-20,000,000 women, children and old people killed in air raids; 29,500,000 wounded, mutilated or incapacitated for work; 21,245,000 lost their homes and belongings through air raids; 30,000,000 homes reduced to ashes; 150,000,000 people were left without shelter, prey to famine and disease.

"In social amenities this is how the money that World War II cost up to 1946 could have been spent: A £12,000 (\$36,000) house, £4,000 (\$12,000) worth of furniture and a £20,000 (\$60,000) cash present to every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, Britain, Ireland, France, Germany, the Soviet Union and Belgium. In addition, each town of more than 200,000 population could have been given a cash donation of £25,000,000 (\$75,000,000) for libraries, £25,000,000 (\$75,000,000) for schools, £25,000,000 (\$75,000,000) for hospitals."

These figures are staggering and yet, if we endeavored to obtain assistance for the alleviation of the conditions that obtain within and on the outskirts of our towns and cities, we should find ourselves up against obstacles and strenuous opposition. Yet, mark this, in spite of the suffering of the last war, with all its horror and its colossal cost in human life, we are rapidly moving into a third war that threatens to eclipse all wars that ever have been. Well may the question be asked, Is man sane?

Allan Walker, in *Christianity On the Offensive*, has truly said:

"The greatest problem mankind has on its hands is man himself. It is man who fouls the most perfect of plans. It is man who presents governments with their most stubborn difficulties. It is man who has made the world a wilderness. It is man who threatens our whole life with destruction. Our forefathers were very interested in straightening out many twisted natures and in saving souls. They saw a yawning pit of destruction waiting for them. Their preaching told them that inevitably they must fall into the pit unless they grasped in humility, and faith, the hand of God stretched out to save them."

Ignored Danger Signs

How true was the vision of our forefathers, and how much more so today. Mankind is faced with the pit of destruction because it has ignored the danger signs that have been displayed to every generation. Warning after warning has been given. Call after call has been made to return to the Lord God. Yet we have ignored the Divine injunction. Isaiah bore faithful witness when he wrote:

"Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward." (Isa. 1: 2-4.)

Mankind is dangerously like the famous army mule "Maggie." Somewhere in France, dating from the 1914-1918 war, is a stone with this inscription: "In memory of Maggie, an army mule who, in her time, kicked two generals, five majors, eleven captains, twenty-six assorted lieutenants, fifty-eight sergeants, three hundred and eighty other ranks and one Mills bomb!" We have kicked against a rational Christian way of life for a long, long time. Are we to continue until we kick for the last time?

Throughout the ages there have been danger signs ahead. Paul's statement, as recorded in the Book of the

Acts of the Apostles, has been the heavy burden of faithful men and women all through the ages. He wrote:

"For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. . . . Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." (Acts 20: 27 and 31.)

The danger signs of truth have been given "night and day with tears," but men have blundered on and on until — this generation faces a veritable hell on earth!

Way of the Lord

Let me remind you of Abraham:

"And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." (Gen. 18: 17-19.)

"I know him . . . he will." And he did! Faithfully Abraham set before his people the way of the Lord — faithfully he must have shown the danger signs. The way of the Lord was to do justice and judgment. That way has not changed. Some seem to think it has changed, or that it does not obtain today and, in consequence, we have neglected the way of the Lord.

As a result we in this country have nearly succeeded in antagonizing ten million Native people against us when we should be undoing their heavy burdens and leading them into the reality of the functioning of the Kingdom of God on earth. More than that, a section of our European South African population are raising a barrier of folly, bitterness and racial strife that can only lead to disaster. And this, mark you, in a world of chaos and confusion — when all that is good and pure, that makes for the finest in life, is threatened with extinction.

These are danger signs. May the Lord God help us and give His people, throughout the Anglo-Celto-Saxon world, leaders who "fear God" in every sense of the term in both church and state; "men of truth," men led by the Spirit of God, men "hating covetousness" and all manner of evil. This type of leadership alone can save us in this time of crisis.

Law of the Lord

Come a little closer to this subject, as we read from Exodus, chapter 20: 1-17:

"And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

"Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

"And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

"Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

"But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

"For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

"Thou shalt not kill.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery.

"Thou shalt not steal.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

We make no apology for quoting the Ten Commandments. Why should we? They are the fundamental principles of the Law of the Lord. It is the one system of Law that is perfect. It is basic to national life in every department. It provides for faith in God. Its observance is a sure defense from evil. It takes care of the sacredness of the Name of the Lord: which should be a

momentous factor in the life of the nation. The Law of the Lord takes care of family life and life itself, of property, character, reputation and the "wholeness" of the individual. The Psalmist testifies to this with no uncertainty:

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward." (Ps. 19: 7-11.)

The Ten Commandments are the great verities of the Divine Law, but they are also danger signs. To violate these principles is not only to transgress the Law of the Lord, but also to open the gates of evil leading to displacement and destruction.

The Divine Program

To come closer to this truth let us consider, briefly, the statement of Jesus Christ, in the synagogue at Nazareth, as to His program. The account will be found in the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 4: 18-21. He read:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Stanley Jones, in his book *Christ and Communism*, has analyzed the Divine program; it could hardly be clearer:

"Good news to the poor — the economically disinherited.

"Release to the captives — the socially and politically disinherited.

"The opening of the eyes of the blind — the physically disinherited.

"The setting at liberty the bruised — the morally and spiritually disinherited.

"The Lord's Year of Jubilee — a new beginning on a world scale.

"The Spirit of the Lord upon Me — the dynamic behind it all."

This analysis serves to emphasize the challenge implied, for Jesus put content and meaning into the Kingdom of God on earth. It is for the realization of His purpose that we pray, "Thy kingdom come." Or do we? Or is it mere lip service?

There is another aspect to this program. It is the warning implied! The very fact that such a program was necessary emphasizes the conditions that would obtain if there were no such program. How far have we given consideration to the Divine program? Without fear of contradiction, poverty, slavery in various forms, immorality and spiritual degradation is on the increase. The danger signs have been ignored.

Our Lord read the prophecy of Isaiah to the sentence, "To preach the acceptable year of the Lord," and then closed the book. However, the prophecy goes further:

"To proclaim . . . the day of vengeance of our God." (Isa. 61: 2.)

That is the day of the infliction of a deserved penalty by the Lord God. There is a penalty linked with Divine principles that we ignore at our peril. If consideration is given to the manner in which our generation is flouting the Divine principles, we would soon realize that, unless we repent and, under God, make restitution, we will most assuredly incur the deserved penalty.

As We Sow We Reap

Neither individually nor collectively can we transgress the Divine principles of righteousness with impunity. Yet, although we have the Holy Scriptures and the witness of history giving their danger signals, we continue to transgress these Divine principles of right relationship and think we can get away with it. That can never be, for as we sow, so shall we reap.

Go around the cities, towns and villages of our nation, examine the foundations, measure their walls, tell their bulwarks — they reveal a tragic and pitiful condition. A damning condition! Poverty in the midst of plenty! Slavery in the presence of boasted liberty! Life becoming cheaper! Families and homes breaking; consequently juvenile delinquency growing. Living resolving into the struggle for existence. Through it all is the interest gatherer, the usurer, as well as the tax gatherer. Vested interests blandly regarded in terms of excess profits when

there should be no such thing in a Christian nation.

International Picture

What of the international picture? What more is there to tell? The Scriptures are being enacted before our eyes in the national and international developments. Korea! Persia! Indo-China! Egypt! The Iron Curtain! Palestine! Verily we are on the march to Armageddon. The gathering of Moslem-Arabian hordes on the borders of the Holy Land, with Russia and her divisions of men poised on the borders of Turkey, not many miles from *Har-mageddon*. The British Air Force stationed in Iraq; Crete and the Suez Zone now being strengthened with British troops. The United States Navy with a task force stationed permanently in the Mediterranean Sea. Russia with her first line planes stationed in the Balkans within striking distance of *Har-mageddon*.

Meanwhile, a struggle obtains between Jewry and the Arabs for complete possession of the Dead Sea. The value of the chemical content of the Dead Sea is incomputable. We need to watch this struggle. It is a danger sign on the international plane we dare not ignore. It is time we awoke to the apparent nearness of Armageddon and what it portends.

Behind all this is the threat of atomic warfare and diabolical weapons that are brutish and vile. The savagery of the primitive savage has been eclipsed by the destructive forces of our so-called civilization; indeed, some of us are being forced to realize that ultimate

victory over the forces of evil will never be achieved by material weapons, but by spiritual weapons and spiritual armour!

Of what value are carnal weapons before the threat of extinction? Of no value. Our Lord visualized the position in which this generation finds itself when He said:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt. 24: 21-22.)

Almost Lost God

Yes, the world is in a mess! And, to put it bluntly, the world cannot come right until man finds salvation from wrong relationships, and salvation is only to be found in Christ Jesus the Lord. The real danger sign is man himself. Man is the core of the problem. Man is in a chaos worse than the chaos of war. Man has almost lost God! The Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, who are the modern representatives of Israel, have almost lost God. We are living on the squandered capital of our spiritual inheritance and are thereby impoverishing our children and their children.

What is the solution? What is the answer? Where is the antidote?

The Divine promises are sure and certain but, let us remember, they can only be realized in terms of our relationship with God. What is that relationship? It can be answered in the words of Peter: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." That is the answer. That is the way to right relationship in terms of the Kingdom of God. There is no other way. The injunction is followed by the promise of "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Indeed, the repentance and conversion of our nation will bring to the nation the presence of the Lord our God and "He shall send Jesus Christ."

We call attention to the danger signs that give their faithful warning of catastrophe if we fail to return to the Lord God of our fathers. We must individually, collectively, nationally and internationally, return to the Lord God Almighty or we shall inevitably perish by the way!

— FROM *The Covenant Message for Southern Africa*

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We are very anxious to secure a copy of the book titled *European and Other Race Origins* by Herbut Bruce Han-nay. It is now out of print, but if someone has a copy in good condition that can be purchased, we will be very glad to be advised. It is needed by a scholar in carrying on research work. A premium will be paid for it. Address letters to N. I. SIMONS, *Destiny Publishers*, Haverhill, Mass.

Days of Turmoil

By WILLIAM O. LAY, JR.

August 24, 1951

THE RUSSIAN program proceeds now by overt aggression and now by diplomatic machinations. Possessing a global strategy, the Kremlin leaders are able to maintain the initiative and select such procedures as will best promote their ultimate objectives. The Anglo-Saxon Powers, drifting from crisis to crisis under a vague policy of containing Communism and countering Soviet aggression, are constantly on the defensive and suffer recurrent setbacks that a more alert and comprehensive policy could have forestalled.

The consistency of Russian activities is clearly evident in the developments of August. From the start of the cold war, the Soviet Union has striven to set itself up as a champion of peace and disarmament in the eyes of the world's ignorant masses, meanwhile branding the Western Powers as warmongers. The 1946 Soviet disarmament proposals in the United Nations and the recent "peace pact" suggestion advanced by Soviet President Shvernik are similar manifestations of this propaganda line.

Korean truce talks yielded further grist for the Kremlin's propaganda mills. As the conferences repeatedly snagged, the Communist radio and news releases strove tirelessly to make it appear that the stubbornness and bad faith of the Allies were responsible for the lack of progress.

A meeting of top Communist officials in Warsaw on July 22 undoubtedly will have profound influence on the course of world events during coming months. The Kremlin's plans for a "peace offensive"—soon manifested by the Shvernik proposal and Russia's surprise acceptance of a bid to the Japanese treaty conference—were presumably communicated at this Warsaw meeting. The date was 390 (Israel's tribulation) plus two days after the outbreak of the Korean war on June 25, 1950.

Seven members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, returning from a European tour on July 23,

recommended that Greece and Turkey be brought into the North Atlantic Pact. It is noteworthy that this was exactly 7 x 120 days after the Atlantic Pact was signed on April 4, 1949 (near center of chart). Although encouraged by some progress in Western Europe, the Senators warned that more speed was needed to prepare Europe to meet possible Russian aggression.

The Communist bloc was not inactive. On the same July 23 date the Chinese Reds welcomed to Peiping an Indo-Chinese Communist delegation whose visit was declared to be for the purpose of strengthening the friendship between the peoples of China and Vietnam. This was seen as the possible prelude to fuller Chinese intervention in Indo-China.

July 23 also brought from William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, a statement that the United States "must have a showdown with Russia and a decision which will enable the free world to breathe freely and in peace."

The dispute over Egyptian interference with Suez Canal shipping reached the Security Council on July 26 when a protest from the Israeli government was formally lodged. Significantly, this was exactly 880 plus two days after the Jewish-Egyptian armistice was signed on February 24, 1949 (bottom of chart). As indicated, July 26 was also 1040 days after Russia announced the evacuation of North Korea on September 19, 1948.

Delegates to the Kaesong truce talks agreed upon an agenda for the negotiations at their tenth meeting and began discussing a demilitarized buffer zone. The air of optimism soon dissipated, however, as the Reds insisted that the demarcation line be along the 38th Parallel instead of the front held by the armies. On July 29 the Communists further snarled the talks by trying to inject fresh issue with political overtones. The date was 1600 days after March 12, 1947 when President Truman proclaimed his policy of "containing" Communism (upper center of chart).

General Matthew B. Ridgway, the Allied Supreme Commander, broke off the Korean armistice talks on August 4 following a flagrant violation of the Kaesong neutral zone by armed Communist troops. This action by the chief of the United Nations command came precisely 286 days solar before May 20, 1952 which will close a period of 2520 days after the United Nations charter was signed on June 26, 1945. As noted near the center of the chart, August 4, 1951 was also 7 x 120 days solar after the Atlantic Pact was signed on April 4, 1949.

The Shvernik proposal for a Five-Power pact to end the cold war was contained in a letter to President Truman. The pact would be aimed at limiting world armaments and "prohibition of atomic weapons." The proposals, mostly reiteration of previous suggestions offered by the Soviet Union, were seen as another move in the Russian "peace offensive."

It is noteworthy that the August 6 Shvernik proposal came precisely 6 x 286 days solar after October 30, 1946 when an earlier Soviet disarmament scheme, offered in the United Nations, was rejected by the Western Powers. The 1946 date, in turn, was 9 x 1290 days solar after Germany opened World War I on August 1, 1914 (near center of chart). As noted, August 6, 1951 was also 1260 plus two days after Communists on February 21, 1948 set in motion the coup which gave them control of Czechoslovakia. Finally, August 6 was 286 plus two days before May 20, 1952.

(The mean terminal of the 6 x 286 cycle extending from October 30, 1946 marked July 12, 1951 when the Communist action in halting a UN truce convoy led to the first major interruption of the Kaesong talks.)

The Korean truce talks were resumed on August 10 after Communist leaders had apologized for the neutral zone violation and provided new guarantees, as demanded by General Ridgway, that the Reds would not again violate the neutrality of the conference site.

The chronological data marking August 10 is given near the bottom of the chart. It came 1290 days lunar after the proclamation of the North Korean "Democratic People's Republic" on February 16, 1948. It was also 1040 days solar after September 19, 1948 when Russia announced its troops were being withdrawn from North Korea. And it will be 270 plus two days from August 10, 1951 to May 8, 1952, which falls 2520 days solar after V-E Day.

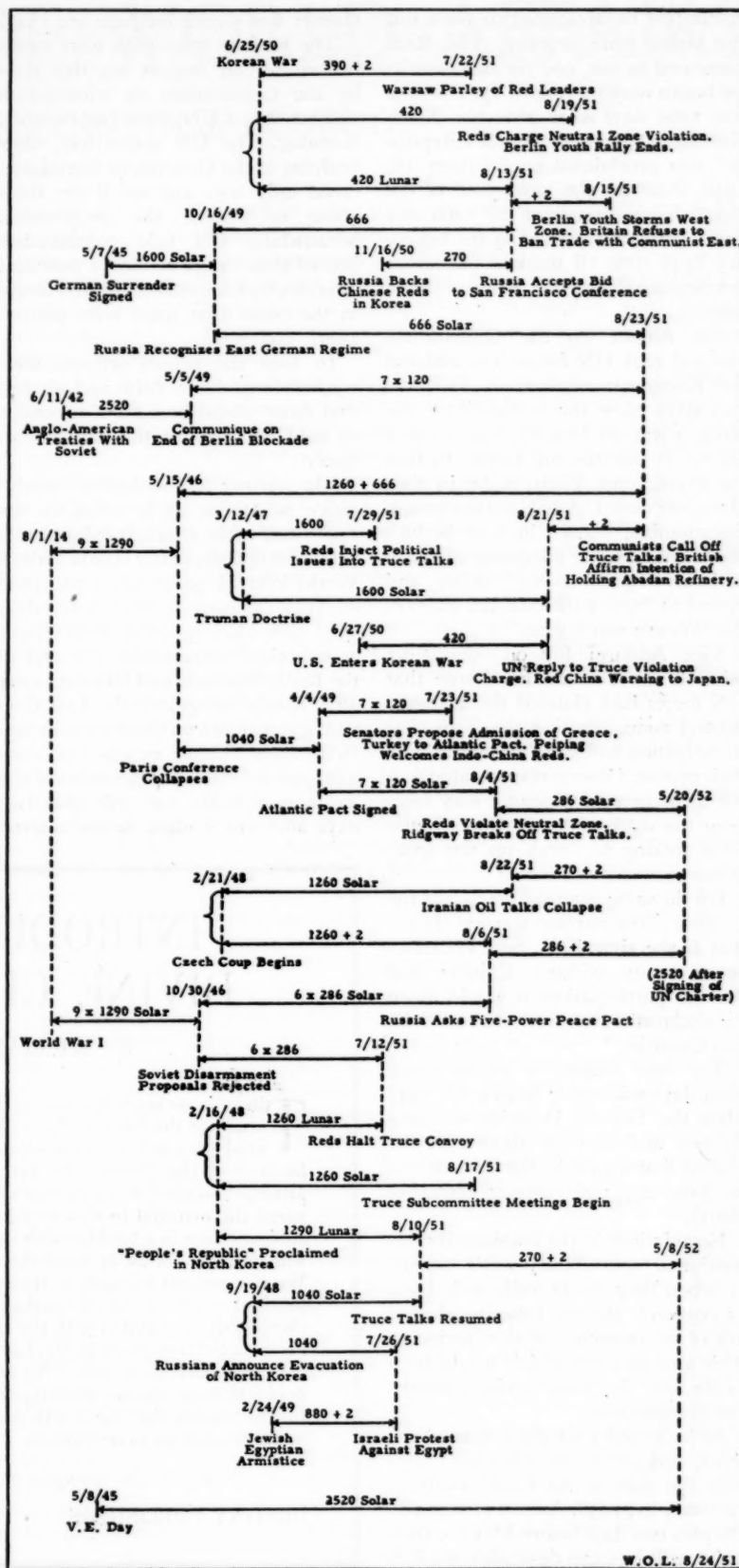
The State Department in Washington announced on August 13 that Russia, in a surprise diplomatic move, had accepted a bid to attend the Japanese peace conference in San Francisco in early September. It was seen that the Soviets, by offering concessions in return for postponement of the Japanese treaty, could dangerously exploit the differences over Asiatic policy prevalent among the Western Allies.

Soviet acceptance of the conference bid was announced 666 days after the Russians recognized the Communist East German regime on October 16, 1949 (near top of chart). August 13, 1951 was also 420 days lunar after the outbreak of the Korean war on June 25, 1950 and 270 days after November 16, 1950 when Russia supported Chinese Communist intervention in Korea by declaring she would veto a UN resolution ordering the Chinese troops withdrawn.

A Communist World Youth Peace Festival opened in Berlin on August 5. No incidents developed until August 15 when ten thousand young Communists, attempting to invade the Western sectors to hold a "peace parade," were driven back by police in a three-hour series of battles. The date was 666 plus two days after Russia recognized the East German regime on October 16, 1949 (near top of chart).

Also on August 15, Great Britain rejected United States demands that she ban all trade with the Communist East. And China's Red government announced that it would refuse to recognize the San Francisco conference called to sign the Japanese peace treaty. These events fell on the third day made perfect of the 420 lunar and 270 cycles noted on the chart as relating to Far Eastern affairs.

The Korean truce talks continued stalemated over the buffer zone issue. The chief UN delegate, Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy, suggested that a sub-



committee be appointed to work out the buffer zone problem. The Reds consented to this, and the subcommittee began work on August 17. The date was 1260 days solar after the North Korean "Democratic People's Republic" was proclaimed on February 16, 1948. Note on the lower half of the chart that terminals of the 1260 and 1290 cycles measured from the February 1948 date all marked important developments in the Korean truce talks.

On August 19 the Communists charged that UN forces had violated the Kaesong neutral zone. This was 420 days after the outbreak of the Korean war on June 25, 1950 (top of chart). It was also on August 19 that the Communist Youth Rally in East Germany closed. A half-million young Communists, massed in East Berlin's Red Square, swore allegiance to Stalin and his "world peace" drive and vowed to "wreck the criminal plans of the Western warmakers."

Vice Admiral Joy on August 21 rejected the Communist charge that UN forces had violated the Kaesong neutral zone, advising the Reds that investigation had failed to substantiate their protest. Observers speculated that the incident near Kaesong may have been the work of North Korean guerrillas seeking to break up the truce talks.

On the same August 21 terminal the Chinese Communists warned Japan that if she signed the San Francisco peace treaty without Chinese and Russian participation, it would mean "a declaration of war against these two countries."

The two August 21 events came 1600 days solar after March 12, 1947 when the Truman Doctrine was proclaimed and also 420 days after the United States entered the Korean war on June 27, 1950 (upper center of chart).

Negotiations in the Iranian oil crisis continued sporadically until August 22 when they finally collapsed. Iran, its economy already tottering due to loss of oil revenue, faced a period of crisis and anarchy which would be a fertile field for Communist agitators and conspirators.

As indicated near the center of the chart, August 22 was 1260 days solar after the start of the Czech coup on February 21, 1948. August 22 was also 270 plus two days before May 20, 1952 which will be 2520 days after the UN

charter was signed on June 26, 1945.

The Korean truce talks were again broken off on August 23, this time by the Communists on trumped-up charges that a UN plane had bombed Kaesong. The UN negotiators, after replying to the Communist complaint, could only wait and see if the Reds chose to resume the conferences. Meanwhile, UN field commanders braced their troops to meet a powerful offensive by concentrated enemy forces in the event that truce talks permanently collapsed.

In Iran the British ordered their workers from the oil fields and warned that force would be used if necessary to hold and protect the Abadan refinery.

The strong chronological significance of August 23 is noted on the upper half of the chart. It fell precisely 1260 plus 666 days after efforts to draft World War II peace terms collapsed on May 15, 1946. It was 7 x 120 days after the May 5, 1949 Four-Power communique announcing the end of the Berlin blockade and 666 days solar after Russia recognized the East German government on October 16, 1949. In addition, August 23 was 1600 days solar plus two after proclamation of the Truman doctrine and 420 plus two days after the United States entered

the Korean war on June 27, 1950.

Unrest is rampant as ominous situations develop all over the world. Apart from Korea and Iran there is the dangerous Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan, while the threat of new Soviet gains at many points in Southeast Asia is mounting. There will also be crucial events in the Middle East as tensions erupt and instability spreads.

Former Assistant Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle, Jr. declared on August 11:

"We are in the shadow of a diplomatic crisis more dangerous than we have been willing to recognize. This crisis is moving faster and more violently even than the headlines indicate."

The Russians may talk of peace pacts and push peace offensives, but this will be merely a screen to cloak aggressive moves in their program. The West, dallying with its rearmament and blind to the full menace of the Soviet plot, will awaken to find the very existence of its civilization threatened by Communist hordes. From this supreme crisis of the ages it will be saved, not by secret weapons or its vaunted industrial might, but by rediscovering in the hour of agony the power and magnificence of its ancient faith.

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REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS

By KENNETH de COURCY

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AMERICA IS ACCUSED by Russia and by powerful fellow-travellers in many countries of aggressive intentions. That is the basis of Russia's psychological warfare. In fact, America has been pacific and conciliatory to a degree approaching danger to her vital security.

While she withheld her hand and worked for peace, pouring out her wealth to help war-weary nations, three archtraitors betrayed her vital secrets to Russia — Nunn May, Fuchs and Pontecorvo. They told Russia all they could about the H-bomb and Pontecorvo added his vast knowledge of cosmic rays. America, in the meantime, not only refused to use her A-bomb for the removal of Stalin and his aggressive team — which she could have done without great difficulty — but she held back on the H-bomb development for a critical period.

Russia not only developed a vast atomic industry but actually got ahead on the H-bomb while America held back. Few people yet realize what this could mean. The A-bomb is the match which lights up the H-bomb. The H-bomb is or will be at least 1,000 times more powerful than the A-bomb; there is no reason why one should not be made one million times more powerful.

An A-bomb containing a ton of deuterium would produce 7.5 tons of radioactive cobalt and would give as much radioactivity as 2,400 tons of radium. Any given quantity of neutrons produce sixty times its weight in radioactive cobalt. Cobalt used in bomb casing would be pulverized and converted into a radioactive cloud which would kill everything in the area it blankets.

Senator Brian McMahon (Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy) has said an H-bomb attack might incinerate 50,000,000 Americans "not in the space of an evening but in the space of a few minutes." What, therefore, can be said of the men who betrayed such secrets to the Soviet Union? What can be said of the security services which were fooled for five years or more by those traitors? Was ever such foul treachery combined with such monumental inefficiency?

Nevertheless, after this had occurred, America still held her hand. She held it though it was known that Russia could use her stock-pile of A-bombs as triggers for H-bombs; though it was likewise known that Russia was crashing ahead with her H-bomb project — and with success — and also after it was known that Pontecorvo had gone over to the Soviets with a project likely to speed up the whole diabolical business. And, despite it all, there are those who now assist Russia by declaring America to be aggressive. Never has a nation been less so in any comparable circumstances. In fact she has taken the biggest risk in recorded history.

Russia is well away with her atomic industry. She is waiting to reach a moment for supreme blackmail; she is waiting to threaten her superior land forces against our slender ones and to tell us that if we use the A- and H-bomb to overwhelm her armies — as we should be able to do —

she will hit direct at our production centers with her A- and H-bombs — possibly rigged. If Russia is allowed to remain superior on land, the neutralization of the H-bomb would leave us in a poor situation. Thus, by this test likewise it is imperative to possess enough strength to hold Russia's land armies at a given point regardless of the A- and H-bombs.

All this has come about because, in our devotion to freedom, we did not witch-hunt for traitors and because, in our devotion to peace, we held our powerful hand when Russia was helpless, though already aggressive. We have, therefore, a moral advantage. Is it being used? Are we not now allowing the guilty party to brand us aggressors and, into the bargain, are we not allowing many of our own public men to do likewise, thus snatching our advantage from us as our deepest atomic secrets were filched?

During the first two weeks of July, the Russian High Command made a special inspection of military installations in Czechoslovakia. This inspection was made by Marshal Ivan Konev. The sensation was not his appearance but that he was accompanied by Marshal Georgi Zhukov. It is now clear that Zhukov is high in the Soviet military hierarchy. Konev has officers of all the Cominform countries on his staff. The staff includes a number of Germans, Frenchmen, Belgians and Spaniards. Two officers have the appearance and speech of Englishmen.

The headquarters established at Lillafured seems to have terms of reference which include the study of a plan for a drive toward Yugoslavia and Italy, attacking Austria from the south. Planning operations does not, of course, mean a decision to strike has in fact been taken.

The Turkish Scene

Almost the entire Russian military and political intelligence work in Turkey is done by non-Russians. There is some inquiry by the politicians into the efficiency of the Turkish counterintelligence. Recently an important Turkish Communist got away to Russia; his name is Nazim Hikmet, a well-known intellectual. He got out with the help of satellite Russian diplomatic agencies. Some observers think his disappearance was connected with an important plan to get the fanatical Tidegenis movement organized on a much larger scale. It almost looks as if Russia is calling in some of her chief agents. This tendency for a number of top Communists to move toward Moscow is of interest.

The Arab League has again been flirting with Turkey. The hopeless disunity of the Arab States does not inspire confidence. Egypt is considered completely rotten. Iraq may be rent with trouble any moment. Jordan has lost her wise and powerful ruler. Nothing indeed could have done more to lessen Turkey's belief in the Arabs and nothing could have suited Russia better than the elimination of that King.

The time has come when we may see the Soviet pistol pointed at several individuals whose policies and actions

do not suit. Never, of course, if it can be helped, as a direct Russian act — but every possible encouragement for agencies which are likely to oblige.

Our observer has now moved on. We hope (if he survives) to report what he has to say from other areas in the next issues. Readers sometimes complain that we do not publish the names of our informants. If we did, we should soon be recruiting a new staff. These reports are exactly what Russia does not wish published.

Pakistan

Our informant is convinced that a war between Pakistan and India would be an extremely grave event affecting all of us. He does not think India would take the initiative; he is less sure of Pakistan. The religious fervor there is powerful and some of the tribes are bringing great pressure to bear on the government. If Pakistan should march, Russia's intervention, by giving some help, would grossly complicate the situation. If Pakistan does not march, Russia will infiltrate India with agents through Tibet and from other sources and try slowly to rot India from within.

The entire Islamic world needs alerting; it needs a clear vision of the dangers. A war between Pakistan and India could benefit only Russia in present conditions. The kicking of Britain in Egypt is in the same case; likewise the attempt to expel France from Morocco and so on. In Pakistan the Secretary of the Moslem League Party is worried. He fears inability to resist extremist pressure for war over Kashmir. He does not want such folly. The tribesmen of the North-West Frontier are restless. The Pakistan government has no authority over them. There are large numbers of armed men there who may make big trouble. All this is splendid material for Russian agents. Tribes along the Afghan border are constantly fired by propaganda made by Afghan agents — and Russia is not at all sorry to see this.

A more serious threat comes from the borders of Gilgit, Sinkiang and Turkestan. Here the Russians have not fewer than 23,000 armed men of their own, formed into an armored brigade. Airfields are being constructed. The tribesmen of Gilgit have close affinities with Sinkiang — now completely controlled by Russia. The country is difficult, but the political effects of all the agitation, backed by military formations, add to the dangers of these parts. Pakistan is not prepared for war. She has no adequate stockpiles. She could not long resist a Russian intrusion. She would be mad to risk a struggle with India — yet Russia would like to involve her if possible.

Russia stands to gain either way. If she could involve Pakistan now, she would give help and undermine India at the same time. If Pakistan resists the pressure to make war over Kashmir, Russia will use the pent-up feelings of Islam elsewhere. If India slowly weakens under Communist agitation and infiltration, then, if Islam turns anti-Russian in the end, there would be a counterforce to Islam in the South. The entire Russian policy is disruptive, destructive and without design, except to smash all organized resistance to her imperialism and isolate Britain and America.

Nearly everyone behind the Iron Curtain thinks there will be war. They think America will win it and they accept the Soviet line that she will actually begin it — but then, oddly enough, they quite openly approve of her doing so. The Russian line does not have the effect hoped for.

The Russian line about the West being decadent is not accepted. America is considered to be very powerful. British prestige, however, is — our observer says — “at an all time low,” particularly since the Maclean-Burgess incident which had an amazing effect. Events in Persia have made things just so much worse. There is a widespread belief that Mr. Bevan is pro-Russian and that his group will gain power in the British Socialist party. It will be hard to change this opinion. Indeed, many people go so far as to shrug off Britain, saying that her fellow-travellers will succeed in establishing her neutrality.

British Politics

In foreign policy the Socialists may base themselves on Titoism and try to fight Stalinist Communism by a neo-Leninism with which they are fast making terms. Let there be no mistake about this whatever. That is the clear intention. It is of interest that one of the most important Intelligence Services on the continent now thinks a study of this trend to be first priority — exceeding in importance the study of Russia. The signs fast multiply that this is the new line. It will have very powerful support. It is the large question of the day. Very important Americans favor the British Socialist idea.

Stalin, they will argue, is a Judas, but the revolution was not wrong. Stalin can be dealt with by the affronted betrayed members of the Fabian-Marxist school. Then we will have the true revolution restored; then the true Communism will be established. Stalinism has been a ghastly betrayal, and the decent Fabian-Marxist will show his decency by destroying the betrayer. The public ought to know what is being planned.

San Francisco Conference

Russia's sudden decision to attend the San Francisco Conference, where she is likely to make the maximum possible trouble, is due to encouragement to do so given to Moscow by a high pro-Communist official on the allied side who communicated with the Russians.

The name of the official concerned is known to *Intelligence Digest* and the manner in which he intervened in this grave matter is likewise known. This is a very serious case indeed. It is not at present in the public interest to elaborate.

The Peruvian Scene

In Peru there is no open Communist activity. The party is outlawed. There is, however, the left-wing Apra movement, which was involved in the recent cocaine-smuggling case — cocaine made in illegal laboratories from the coca shrub — plentiful in Peru — being smuggled into the United States in exchange for arms and ammunition. Apra made an attempt at seizing power three years ago. Three hundred people were killed in Callao alone.

Latin American politics may be laughable in ordinary times but just now they must be taken more gravely because a powerful force is behind them — a force out for world-wide conquest.

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The Goal of the Ages!

By CLARENCE H. BOOTH

AS WE LISTEN to the radio and hear war bulletins from Europe and Asia, read newspaper headlines of crimes, strikes and destitution in our own land and consider the general economic and financial problems evident in many countries, we may conclude that the world has never before experienced such days as those we are passing through. But since our first parents chose the path of disobedience to God-given laws, sin has always brought its consequent penalties.

Nearly three thousand years ago — when the Israelites were at war with the Assyrians and were being transported from their own land to the regions of the Caspian Sea as a result of neglecting the ways of righteousness — the Prophet Isaiah, on God's behalf, had this to say to them:

"O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." (Isa. 48: 18.)

The same prophet sounded a note of hope, however, as he looked into the future and prophesied:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this." (Isa. 9: 6-7.)

Centuries later, shepherds near Bethlehem heard Angels broadcasting the Savior's birth and the heavenly salutation was "Peace on earth to men of good will." And when the infant born that night grew to maturity, he said, "Suppose ye that I am come to bring peace? I tell you nay! but rather division" — and this division continues, for just as there were those who rejected Him in that day, there are still many who say, "We will not have this man to rule over us."

Before the birth of Christ, the Angelic message came to Mary saying:

"And behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a Son and shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and he shall reign over the House of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

The foregoing passages from both Old and New Testaments are here that you may have them in mind as we think of Jesus Christ in His manifestations which have already taken place and also those important ones *yet to come*.

He came in fulfillment of the sacrificial ordinances given at Sinai. *He* was the *paschal lamb*, slain from the foundation of the world, all others being typical.

As the writer to the Hebrews says:

"In the end of the age He hath come to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."

He came as redeemer of the Nation Israel. He came as the Savior of all mankind — and He came in meekness. In the days yet ahead He is coming with power and glory, as King, to reign over Israel's restored Kingdom, the Kingdom of God *on earth* — and to take His place as Prince of Peace!

John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying,

"Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. . . . And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom. . . . And his fame went throughout all Syria. . . . And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them." (Matt. 3: 2; 4: 23-25; 5: 1-2.)

To that masterpiece of all preaching, the Sermon on the Mount, let us give attention. One commentator says of it, "This is the first time that any person having authority had reviewed the constitution of Israel from the time it was given by Moses on Sinai and in the Wilderness. And the voice which in the sermon on the mount

most solemnly uttered His 'verily, verily, I say unto you' is presented to us as the same voice which uttered the 'I am Jehovah' in connection with the giving of the law."

Jesus explained and strengthened some statutes, giving them added significance and depth of meaning, and then categorically adopted the whole of the law, declaring that not one jot or tittle should fail until all be fulfilled, making the commandments, statutes and judgments an integral part of His New Testament gospel and His New Covenant. Thus, all constitutional and national laws are in full effect for all time, but the sacrificial laws, or ordinances, were fulfilled by Christ in His flesh, as Paul says, "are therefore abolished."

Now analyze carefully an expression included in what we commonly call the Lord's Prayer (which was a part of this sermon), "THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH." These words are so well known in the Christian world that they are almost commonplace and have become to many a matter of mere form. What are we justified in believing was in the mind of the Master as He uttered them on the hillside that day? Here is a more challenging question! What do YOU mean when YOU say, "Thy Kingdom come"? Are these merely high-sounding and pious words to you, or do they express a great desire for a new order, some definite event to take place?

In *Hamlet*, Shakespeare has the king say, "My words go up, my thoughts remain below. Words without thoughts never to heaven go." What are *your* thoughts as you say, "Thy Kingdom come" — are they nebulous or an expression of a sincere desire for the reign of God on earth to actually become an accomplished fact?

The disciples undoubtedly knew in a general way what He meant for they were familiar with the Old Testament (the only Bible of His day) which He called *The Word of God*. Jesus proceeded, however, to give them intensive and detailed training covering the Kingdom to come in

order that they might be competent to broadcast its message to the world. His teaching concerning the Kingdom was illustrated by parables. Matthew says:

"All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake He not unto them." (Matt. 13: 34.)

On one occasion He said to His disciples, "Have ye understood all these things?" and they answered, "Yea Lord." Again He said to them:

"It is given to you to *know* the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them [the multitude] it is not given." (Matt. 13: 11.)

Later on He explained to Nicodemus that entrance to that Kingdom and an understanding of its mysteries could only come through what He described as *new birth*, an experience in spiritual relationship with God just as real as natural birth!

There can be no doubt that the disciples understood what He meant by the *Kingdom*, for after His resurrection they put this question to Him:

"Wilt thou at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1: 6.)

In His reply He did not question the fact that the Kingdom would be restored, but only the time of its restoration. His answer was:

"It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father has put in His own power." (Acts 1: 7.)

Briefly, here are some of the facts concerning the Kingdom which must have been in the mind of Jesus as He gave the disciples this Prayer. He knew that the children of Israel were formed into a nation at Sinai and that God had said to them:

"Ye shall be to me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. . . . For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." (Ex. 19: 6; Deut. 7: 6.)

The Israel nation must not be thought of as the Jews, for the Jews were at no time more than a very small percentage of Israel. Holy, as used in referring to Israel, meant separated or set apart for God's purposes, and does not indicate they were chosen through favoritism or for their existing righteousness or goodness, although they were, through the ages, to become such and be exemplars to all nations.

This Kingdom for five hundred years was a *Theocracy*, with God as its only King, and then under God's direction the House of David was formed as a unit separated from the tribe of Judah, to be the ruling House, and David sat on the "Throne of the Lord" over the Kingdom. David was told by God through Nathan the Prophet that his throne and kingdom would endure forever and that his lineal descendants would rule on the throne. Here recall the Angel's words to Mary:

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1: 32-33.)

The Kingdom, after the death of Solomon, was divided into the Kingdom of Israel (ten tribes) and the Kingdom of Judah (two tribes) but the prophets of God continue to speak with assurance and confidence of the perpetuity of Israel throughout all time — and further, that in the latter days (in which we are now living) they would again be together as one nation.

Isaiah visualized a day to come when a Son would be born to a virgin of the House of David, his name to be Immanuel (God with us). He was to be despised, rejected by the men of His day, suffer cruel and violent death, but would become the Redeemer of Israel. Finally He is to become King, with the responsibilities of national government upon His shoulders, His government to increase and spread throughout the whole world, establishing *universal peace*. If you would grasp Isaiah's vision of the Kingdom when it comes, read the sixtieth chapter of the book of Isaiah, the first verse beginning, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . ."

Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and practically all the prophets of the Bible join in seeing the restoration of the Kingdom on earth as the goal of the ages!

All these realities must have been vividly before Him as he looked backward in retrospect and forward in prospect to consummation. Let us again ask, "What are our thoughts as we have so many times repeated these words — 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done *on earth*'?"

Due to translations into different

languages and also through idiomatic changes, the meaning of some Scriptural statements are not always obvious. The reply of Jesus to a question asked by the Pharisees as to when the Kingdom of God should come is one that becomes confusing if only the King James original translation is used. It reads (Luke 17: 21):

"For, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you."

Editors soon found that the meaning was not properly portrayed and so placed in the margin this explanatory statement, "*among you*," which immediately conveys an entirely different thought — for *He* who was among them, talking with them, was not only King of the Kingdom but the Son of God incarnate in the flesh.

It must also be apparent from the Scriptures and the teachings of Jesus that a Kingdom is an organization with a constitution and laws, a geographical location, citizens, and a King or ruler administering its laws. The incongruity of Jesus saying that the Kingdom was in the hearts of those Pharisees is that He also told them they were not God's children — they were of their father the devil. We have already heard Jesus declare that the deep truths or mysteries of the kingdom were only understandable by his disciples or followers; therefore, if a common belief concerning this statement (that the Kingdom is in men's hearts only) were a fact, He would be revealing a most important and fundamental truth about His Kingdom to those who were not His followers, but opposed to Him. Furthermore, this conception cannot be true since it contradicts the very essence of His teachings, for to His disciples alone He said: "Seek the Kingdom," "pray that it may come." If it was already in their hearts, it would be in the nature of an anti-climax to pray for its coming.

Another misunderstood saying of the Master is His statement to Pilate, "My Kingdom is not of this world." There is no room for misunderstanding here if all related teachings of Christ are considered. The direct explanation is very simple and plain. In the Greek from which our translation comes there are three different words translated as "world." The meaning of one is *Age or dispensation*, another is *land or earth*, while the third is the word *Kosmos*, meaning *arrangement, order or system*. Jesus was in a

Roman court before a Roman judge and, if I may paraphrase His statement as I understand it, it would read, "My Kingdom is not of the same order as your Roman kingdom, with laws inherited from Babylon. My Kingdom is of a higher order — its throne, constitution and laws come direct from God, although its citizens are of earth."

Jesus spoke of Himself in the same language as He did of the Kingdom, in saying to some unbelieving Scribes and Pharisees: "Ye are of this world: I am not of this world." It is evident that physically He was in the same place as His hearers, but was telling them that His origin and spirituality was different from theirs, was from above, theirs from beneath.

Many think of the Kingdom of God as being synonymous with the Church of Jesus Christ, but thoughtful analysis shows this to be fallacious. Only three times in all the recorded sayings of the Master is the word translated as Church mentioned. It is *Ecclesia* (assembly or "called out ones"). His teachings do not warrant any of the man-made Church organizations extant today in claiming Divine authority for their particular group over others through so-called Apostolic succession or otherwise. The Church is a *spiritual organism*. Paul speaks of it as the mystical body of Christ of which Jesus Christ himself is the Head, His followers functioning as members of that body, as their qualifications may fit them for service.

The Kingdom is an *organization* that will function in all affairs of men, material, economic, spiritual and social. When the Kingdom comes, the work of the Church will be complete; the New Covenant will be in operation; God's Laws will be the motivating influence guiding all citizens. This is on earth, not in heaven. The Kingdom and its coming was the constant message of Jesus. He called it the gospel or good news. As His earthly life drew toward its close He was very definite in explaining that entrance into His Kingdom would become possible only to those having spiritual relationship with Him through new birth, and this, of course, became part of His gospel. The work of the Church is to prepare for citizenship those who are to become citizens in the Kingdom.

It is an interesting research to study the parables, having in mind that they

were nearly all given as illustrating the *Kingdom to come* in its varied aspects; instead of, as often is the case, trying to explain them all in the realm of Christian virtues and spiritual experiences.

Let us consider one — the parable of the Pearl of Great Price.

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a merchantman seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." (Matt. 13: 45-46.)

Who is this merchantman? Can he be Jesus, trading in goodly pearls? No, this man buys and sells — Jesus *gives*. Many think that Jesus intended to identify Himself as the "one pearl of great price," which must be purchased; but this cannot be so, for "God so loved the world that He *gave* His only begotten Son." We cannot *buy* what God has *already given*. The only logical conclusion is that the Kingdom of God (or as Moffatt in his translation terms it — the *reign of God on earth*) is **THE GREAT PEARL**, which, when its importance is realized, we as merchantmen, individually and nationally, will give everything we possess to secure it or to hasten its coming.

It was to men who were His disciples that He said, Pray that God's Kingdom will come and His Will be done on earth. His message rings down through the centuries to millions who have accepted Him and are His professed followers, and in substance He says, "You are distressed with world conditions. You persist in being selfish. You want all the false pleasures Babylon had in her day, with many added. You maintain an economic system of interest and debt contrary to my law, which brings distress and famine; you have poverty and disease when you might have health, peace and plenty. These are a few of the pearls you must be willing to give up in payment for the one Great Pearl, *The Kingdom of God*."

The underlying principle of the Kingdom of God is diametrically opposed to the spirit evident in world affairs today. It may be illustrated in this way: In the Kingdom, *righteousness* (obedience to God's Laws) is the generating force or power from which material security and all other things will flow as a natural sequence; whereas in world affairs, the primary objective has been and is to obtain material security through means of

tangible possessions and physical power or might, the result being that this quest by individuals and nations has been the cause of most wars, whether ancient or modern.

Perplexing problems in national and international affairs baffle all existing governments. Our course has been God-directed and charted by Jesus Christ. If we hold to it, the right harbor will be safely reached, otherwise disaster will overtake us as surely as darkness follows dawn. The tragedy is we have tried every subterfuge in economics and sociology to avoid the only God-given way to meet the many issues confronting us, and the confusion increases. The answer has not yet been suggested by any governmental agency, political party, or president, but I venture to state it without fear of being successfully challenged. It is nothing short of the eternal purpose of the Creator, which was reaffirmed by the Master of men, that *His Will must be done, His laws observed on earth among men*.

There was no sentimentality in His sermon that day on the Galilean hillside. His logic would stand up in any court of law, and the eternal verities expounded by Him will spell either our defeat or triumph, individually and nationally, in the great Court of Assize, which is always in session.

Millions from all nations earnestly desire domestic tranquillity, industrial peace and amity between nations, but it is obvious that wealth, force or power can never compel peace. Mere absence of war does not imply peace. It comes only as a positive result of righteous living — *through imbulsion, not compulsion*. Seek first the Kingdom of God, said Jesus, and all your needs will be supplied. When spiritual laws become known and *obeyed* by men as *scrupulously* as the physical laws are in modern scientific development, the world will likely see wonders beyond our present power to conceive.

The futility of world leaders even contemplating peace between nations or individuals with a foundation other than "love toward God and neighbors" should be apparent to all Christian people. Until men recognize this vital truth, we will likely see wars spreading, and with ever-increasing horror.

"There is no such thing as peace for the wicked," so said the inspired prophet, nor can there be for those who live side by side with them.

Wickedness is a disease that may be likened to leprosy. The infection must be eliminated or the infected person segregated. (Every evil has within itself the seed of its own destruction.) Thus, the wicked or godless nations must be changed or destroyed. Jesus knew His gospel would bring division and even be resisted by the sword, and said, "They that take the sword [the aggressors] will perish by the sword." The only remedy for our turmoil and

strife, industrially as well as nationally, is for all men, Americans as well as Europeans, to repent and do the works of righteousness, for in this way only will peace ever come.

What are *your* thoughts as you pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done *on earth*?" You are actually asking God to hasten the day when His social and economic laws will be observed and kept, and when Jesus Christ will return to rule over His Kingdom.

When His Kingdom comes, all nations will be invited to associate with it by acknowledging Jesus Christ as King. The goal of the ages will be attained. "The nation and Kingdom that will not serve Him shall perish." Eventually all the kingdoms of the world will become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ and He will reign over all. He will then in deed and fact be the PRINCE OF PEACE. (Reprinted from *DESTINY* for January 1940.)

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accept measures which will destroy the sovereignty of the United States and Britain, and eliminate the bulwark of their strength — the free movement of their sturdy middle-class citizens.

Why do we see such determined efforts to socialize Britain and the United States? What is the purpose back of the schemes to level us down to the lowest common denominator? This leveling process is essential to the success of world dictatorship. The world planners know that they can never control Anglo-Saxon nations until their capable, independent middle classes are reduced to the point where they lose the means and will to resist oppression.

The most dangerous monopoly which can develop in any free country is the monopoly of Big Government. When government seeks to own and control the business of a nation, it loses its normal functions; it no longer serves the people, it becomes their master. Apprehensively Americans have watched this happen in Britain without realizing just how rapidly the same deadly monopoly is moving in on us. If we have been awake these past few years, we have watched Big Government buy votes with higher and even higher wages to labor; we have watched it keep Big Business subservient with more and more subsidies; we have seen the middle class caught in the squeeze between the two forces and then crushed still flatter day by day with the weight of mounting taxes.

The whole process is so fantastic and ridiculous — so alien to the American concept of government — that it seems incredible such things could happen here. Yet they not only *can* happen, they *are* happening with breath-taking speed. Our greatest danger lies in the possibility that the middle-class man will be too tolerant and lose the will to fight. The plan to subdue him is

diabolically clever; it is designed to confuse him, to discourage him, and to make any resistance on his part seem futile.

Writing on the plight of the middle classes in English-speaking lands, as they are caught between "the upper millstone" of government monopoly and "the lower one" of labor monopoly, Muriel Gibbon says:

"We lack cohesion. We have not the forcible weapon of Trade Unionism with which the working man can lever the most difficult problem. Nor have we that close caste feeling which holds the upper classes in a bond. In fact, one wonders why we are allowed to cumber the ground; until examination discloses the fact that the middle class is probably the chief source of progress in the nation."

Gideon was a middle-class man from the tribe of Manassah. He set a standard for faith and courage in Israel for all time. Gideon believed that one righteous man can chase a thousand, and that two shall put ten thousand to flight. Gideon tried it — and won. What will the men of modern Israel do?

It was from the middle class that Jesus chose His disciples. Some of them owned their own fishing boats and equipment. One was a tax collector. Jesus called them to follow Him. He had much work for these men to do, work that changed the course of history for all succeeding generations.

Jesus also paid tribute to the noble poor by calling attention to the generosity of the widow who cast her mite — all that she had — into the Lord's offering. He had need of the rich too, for His precious body was laid in a tomb belonging to wealthy Joseph of Arimathea. Thus the Master needs and uses all classes. Much consecrated wealth has been used to His glory; many consecrated men and women from all walks of life have done valiant service for Him and for the world.

But the fact still remains that the middle class must take the lead in putting down evil and promoting Christ's Kingdom on earth. Personal experiences and the events of today prove the wisdom of Agur's prayer. "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me."

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grand climax in fulfillment the age itself is to come to a close. The time periods given to Daniel will then operate in days, instead of years, from the final setting up in the Holy Land of the *Abomination That Maketh Desolate*. That setting up became an accomplished fact when Political Zionism, through violence and bloodshed, became established in Palestine. The timetable of events bringing the Israeli state into being was as follows:

"At the stroke of midnight, May 14, 1948, when the British mandate expired, this state came into being. Eleven minutes later, early in the morning of May 15th, President Truman extended United States recognition to this new state. On this same day (May 15, 1948) David Ben-Gurion, a Polish-born veteran Zionist, became the first Premier. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, ill in New York, was elected first President of this Zionist state on May 16, 1948. The independence declaration called for the election of an Israeli Constituent Assembly by October 1st. These, therefore, are important dates from which to measure time periods associated with the establishment of the *Abomination That Maketh Desolate*."

Great Pyramid Chronology

In DESTINY for July 1948 the observation was made:

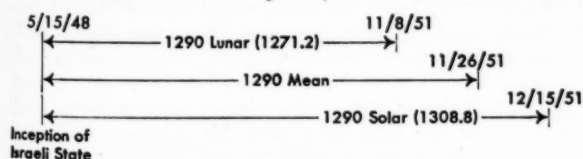
"For many months students of the Great Pyramid have been looking forward to May 15-16, 1948, an important date monumentalized in Great Pyramid chronology. This date marks the inside south wall of the Granite Coffin in the King's Chamber. . . . DESTINY purposely refrained from making special announcements to call its readers' attention ahead of time to the chronological significance of the Great Pyramid's coffin date of May 15-16, 1948. But now that the day has come and gone, events have marked this date as a milestone in prophecy of the utmost import."

In Palestine: *Center of World Intrigue* * facts are set forth which clearly demonstrate that the Zionist state in Palestine fulfills all the requirements of the establishment of the *Abomination* in the Holy Land. Quoting again from "A Day of Great Deception":

"Because Zionism, in conjunction with Communism, is playing such an important part in the events bringing the present age to its close, May 15-16, 1948 should be an important ending, as well as beginning, of chronological time periods."

Important Terminal

The very fact that the Great Pyramid set May 15-16, 1948 as an outstanding chronological milepost, which was corroborated by the establishment of the Zionist state at that time, confirms this. This is the second event sign from which Daniel was told 1290 days were to be measured.



Overspreading Desolation

The third step in the revealing of the *Abomination* is its overspreading phase, as outlined in *Study in Daniel*, page 258:

"The long term fulfillment applies to the final phase of *abomination* during the consummation of the age, when the *overspreading* *abomination* will bring extreme and final desolation."

When Gog and all his hordes move from the north

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quarters as prophesied in Ezekiel's chapters 38 and 39, the fulfillment of Zechariah's predictions will also be brought about:

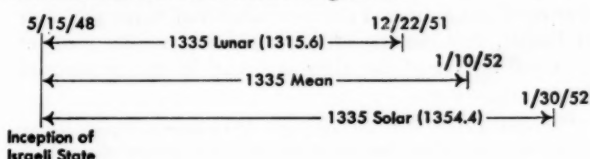
"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. . . . For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle." (Zech. 12: 2-3 & 14: 2.)

End of Waiting

Following the instructions to apply the measuring rod of 1290 days, Daniel was also told:

"Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." (Dan. 12: 12.)

The lunar, mean and solar terminals of 1335 days from the inception of the Israeli state on May 15, 1948 give us the dates shown on the following chart:



It is a fact fraught with meaning that, applying the number of blessedness (1335) as shown, we arrive at dates in the midst of which the midnight hour of the present night of darkness is reached on January 22, 1952.* It was in the light of the significance of this terminal period that the Angel said to Daniel:

"Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall carry on their wickedness, and none of the wicked shall understand — only the wise shall understand." (Dan. 12: 10, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

Daniel was then directed to go and wait for the end of that which he had been told, for he was to rest in the grave and then arise to enjoy his share "at the end of the days" (Dan. 12: 13). By this statement the Angel informed Daniel that the application of the above measuring rods will give the wise understanding and that he, Daniel, will be numbered among those called "Blessed" when the time of waiting will have ended for him at the end of those days.

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THE BOOK OF THE KINGDOM

CHAPTER XXII

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Josiah's Good Reign

Upon the death of Manasseh his son Amon came to the throne and reigned two years. He did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, following the sinful ways of his father, and his servants conspired against him and murdered him in his own house. The people then slew these conspirators and made Amon's son Josiah their king.

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign and he reigned for thirty-one years in Jerusalem. He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, following the precepts of David. He put down all idolatrous worship, burned the graven images and cut down the groves. He destroyed the houses of the sodomites and burnt the altar at Bethel, first defiling it as prophesied by the prophet who had addressed the altar at Bethel in the presence of Jeroboam, saying:

"Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee." (I Kings 13: 2.)

When Josiah was preparing to destroy the altar at Bethel, he turned and saw the sepulchres of the priests that were buried there:

"And took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the Lord which the man of God proclaimed." (II Kings 23: 16.)

Book of the Law Found

After destroying idolatry out of the land and slaying the priests of Baal, Josiah began the work of repairing the House of the Lord. There Hilkiah the Priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord given by Moses. Without doubt it was the very book Moses himself had written, the original copy of the Pentateuch. In the *New Self-Interpreting Bible Library*, Vol. II, published in 1917, an explanatory note by Kennicott says of the words of this verse (II Chron. 34: 14):

"'Tis scarce possible for words more naturally to describe a book written by Moses himself, or to vouch more fully that the MS of the law then found was in the handwriting of Moses. And perhaps all doubt will be removed when 'tis considered further that, though there are fifteen places in the Old Testament which mention the words *law of Moses* and *books of Moses*, yet this one place only mentions the book of the law in the hand of Moses."

The rendering by the King James version, "found a book of the law of the Lord given by Moses," should therefore be translated, "the book of the law of Jehovah by the hand of Moses." No wonder Jeremiah was so elated because of this discovery that he exclaimed:

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of Hosts." (Jer. 15: 16.)

A Solemn Passover

Because Josiah humbled himself before the Lord, God

promised it would be after his death before the evil written in the Book of the Law would be visited upon Judah for the sins of the people. The King caused the people to make a covenant that they would keep all the commandments, statutes and testimonies of the Lord. A most solemn passover was then kept by Josiah at Jerusalem in accordance with all the instructions given in the Book of the Law. The account states:

"And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet." (II Chron. 35: 18.)

In II Kings it is stated:

"Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah." (II Kings 23: 22.)

But, in spite of all this, and the fact that there was no king like Josiah, who had turned so wholeheartedly to the Lord with a desire to bring the administration of his kingdom into conformity with the law of Moses, the Lord knew the hearts of the people were not changed, so the record states:

"Notwithstanding the Lord turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal. And the Lord said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there." (II Kings 23: 26-27.)

Though Manasseh repented personally, his evil administration of the affairs of the Kingdom was so grievous in the sight of the Lord that He could not turn aside from His anger. The reason is clear, for Manasseh had led the people so far astray, causing them to depart from the ways of the Lord, that even Josiah's good administration could not correct the inherent corruption that had taken deep root in their hearts. This became very clear after Josiah's death, for subsequent kings did evil in the sight of the Lord and the people quickly turned back to idolatry again.

Josiah's Death

After this, when Josiah had completed his work on the Temple, Necho, King of Egypt, went up to fight the king of Assyria at Carchemish by the Euphrates River and Josiah went out in battle array against the Egyptian Pharaoh. The King of Egypt sent word to Josiah to refrain from fighting him or he would destroy him, but Josiah would not turn aside from his purpose. Pharaoh met him in the Valley of Megiddo and there the King of Judah was slain. His body was brought back to Jerusalem and all the people of the city, as well as Jeremiah the Prophet, mourned for him.

Jehoahaz, the son of Josiah, became king and reigned in his stead. He reigned three months in Jerusalem and his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah (see *Study in Jeremiah*, page 114). Jehoahaz was an evil king who became the captive of Pharaoh-nechoh who put him in prison, afterward taking him to Egypt where he died. Judah was compelled to pay tribute to Egypt.

Jeremiah and Jehoiakim

Pharaoh made Eliakim, the brother of Jehoahaz, king and changed his name to Jehoiakim. He reigned eleven years in Jerusalem and did evil in the sight of the Lord. Jeremiah was prophesying in Jerusalem during the reign of Jehoiakim and the prophet, under instructions from the Lord, had written the words of his prophecies in a book. Baruch, his scribe, took the book and read it in the House of the Lord and it came to the attention of the princes of Judah, before whom it was also read. Jehoiakim was told of the words of the prophet, which warned of coming disaster, and he commanded Jehudi to bring the book to him:

"The King was in his winter house with a fire burning on the hearth (a chafing dish or brazier in which a fire was burning) before him.

"When Jehudi had read three or four leaves the king slashed them off the roll with a penknife and flung them into the fire burning upon the brazier in front of him. He continued to do this until the entire roll was consumed. The record states of those present:

"Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words." (Jer. 36: 24.)" (*Study in Jeremiah*, page 222.)

Jehoiakim then issued orders that Jeremiah and Baruch, his scribe, be seized, but they could not be found, for God protected their hiding place. (See *Study in Jeremiah*, pp. 221-224.)

In Jehoiakim's reign Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, came against Jerusalem and Jehoiakim became a vassal ruler under him and paid tribute to Babylon for three years. At the end of that time Jehoiakim rebelled against Babylon, with the result that his reign was one of turmoil and constant war:

"And the Lord sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by his servants the prophets." (II Kings 24: 2.)

The statement is then made:

"Surely at the commandment of the Lord came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood: which the Lord would not pardon." (II Kings 24: 3-4.)

If the Rabbinical tradition is true, Isaiah the Prophet was killed by Manasseh, being sawn asunder in the trunk of a carob tree by his order. Support is given to this in Hebrews where reference is made to the persecution of the prophets:

"They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword." (Heb. 11: 37.)

Jehoiachin Taken to Babylon

Upon the death of Jehoiakim his son Jehoiachin became king. He was eighteen years old when he began to reign and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. Nebuchadnezzar, who had conquered all the territory from the Euphrates River to the river of Egypt, now came against Jerusalem and besieged it.

Jehoiachin capitulated to Nebuchadnezzar and went out with his mother, servants and wives. He was taken to Babylon, along with ten thousand mighty men of valor,

craftsmen and smiths at that time. This deportation was eleven years before Zedekiah was taken to Babylon. The importance in the Divine plan of the fact that Jehoiachin, known also as Coniah, was taken to Babylon at this time is fully discussed in *Study in Jeremiah*, pages 122-128 and on page 277.

Zedekiah Breaks Covenant

Nebuchadnezzar made Mattaniah, the brother of Jehoiachin's father, king in Jerusalem and changed his name to Zedekiah. He was an evil king in the sight of the Lord and finally rebelled against the King of Babylon, although Nebuchadnezzar had previously compelled him to swear by God that he would not rebel. Ezekiel referred to the King making such a covenant with Nebuchadnezzar when he said:

"Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me saying, Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these things mean? Tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon; And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and hath taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land: That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping of his covenant it might stand. But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? Shall he escape that doeth such things? Or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered? As I live, saith the Lord God, surely in the place where the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. . . . Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these things, he shall not escape. Therefore, thus saith the Lord God; As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head. And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me. And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and ye shall know that I the Lord have spoken it." (Ez. 17: 11-21.)

The Law of Vows

This is a powerful presentation of the necessity to keep an oath made in the name of the Lord, even though the covenant is made with those outside the Kingdom. God does not forgive those who break their word:

"The law of vows was as follows, 'When you vow a vow to your Ever-Living God, you shall not delay to pay it, for the Ever-Living your God will demand it from you; — and that would be a sin to you. But if you do not vow, it will be no sin. You must carefully perform the utterance of your lips; whatever you vow to your Ever-Living God, you must give whatever you have promised with your mouth.' (Deut. 23: 22-24, F. F. Trans.)

"Solomon emphasized the need of keeping our solemn promises to God when he said, 'When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?' (Ecc. 5: 4-6.)" (*Digest of the Divine Law*, * pp. 150-151.)

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Judah Taken to Babylon

The siege and destruction of Jerusalem resulted from Zedekiah's rebellion, for Nebuchadnezzar lay siege to the city and famine afflicted its inhabitants. The King and his men of war fled by night from the city hoping to escape, but were overtaken in the plains of Jericho and Zedekiah's army was scattered. Zedekiah was brought before Nebuchadnezzar at Ribbah, where judgment was passed upon him for breaking his oath. His sons were slain and his eyes were put out, after which he was bound in chains and carried captive to Babylon.

"Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy. Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion

upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand. And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: To fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths; for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfill three-score and ten years." (II Chron. 36: 14-21.)

Thus was the House of Judah carried away captive to Babylon, just as the House of Israel had been carried away captive to Assyria for their sins some one hundred and thirty years before. The fate of the king's daughters, and the part Jeremiah played as their guardian, and as the custodian of the Ark of the Covenant and the Stone of Destiny, is told in *Study in Jeremiah*, for Jeremiah's mission "to build and to plant" was carried out in a land far removed from Palestine.

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portant factors in all court procedure is the method of taking testimony in order that the innocent may be protected under the Law of the Lord:

"In the taking of testimony the witnesses were examined separately, and those who were to testify were not permitted to hear the testimony of the witnesses preceding them." (*Digest of the Divine Law*,* p. 139.)

This would make it extremely difficult for a witness to lie, and if he did perjure himself, he would be easily detected. The following course is taken if a witness is found to bear false testimony:

"The Divine law requires that when false witnessing is detected, the case rests and the judges make diligent inquisition and, if it be found that the witness has testified falsely, then it shall be done to him as it would have been done to the one against whom he testified. The law states that the effect of such swift judgment against false witnessing would result in the people fearing to commit such evil (Deut. 19: 16-21).

"Under such conditions, there would be very few cases of perjury in our courts. In the first place, with the examination of witnesses out of hearing of all the other witnesses, the chances of detecting falsehood would be much greater than at present. And with the trial for perjury taking place immediately, falsehood would be detected and men would fear to perjure themselves, especially so if the punishment that would be meted out to the defendant, if guilty, must also be borne by the one who perjures himself." (*Digest of the Divine Law*, pp. 139-140.)

Following the institution of equitable court procedure that would prevent a trial from becoming a contest between opposing attorneys, one trying to convict and the other to acquit a defendant regardless of whether he is innocent or guilty, the penalty following conviction of a crime could be imposed without fear of doing an injustice to an innocent man. Further details regarding court procedure and the taking of testimony under the Law of the Lord will be found in *Digest of the Divine Law*.

How many are aware that the Law of the Lord is so comprehensive in scope that it covers in detail the requirements for military training, war, vacations, interest, lend-

ing, imprisonment, restoration, capital punishment for major crimes, labor relations, qualifications for holding public office, stealing, penalty for adultery, sanitation and health rules, accidental death, property rights and private ownership, taxation, conscription for war, exemptions from military service, indebtedness, kidnapping, compensation for injury — in fact, the entire scope of the administration of laws of righteousness and their application to all phases of human activities?

The death penalty is imposed automatically upon those convicted of major crimes, such as murder, adultery and certain sex offenses. Flogging was the punishment for committing lesser crimes and the penalty was made to fit the crime committed. In case of the death sentence, the criminal was to be dead before sunset of the day he was adjudged guilty. This swiftness of punishment had a most salutary effect upon all those inclined to pursue the path of evil.

The question of sex offenses has been a troublesome problem throughout the entire civilized world. Under the Law of the Lord the young man who took advantage of an unmarried girl found that he had acquired a life obligation to support her all the days of her life. If the woman was married, the penalty was death. If this law were being administered today, many a man would now be slaving away at hard labor to support the women to whom he has become financially obligated. He would have to deny himself all the comforts and luxuries of life in order to meet his obligations. The example he would set would make many young men hesitate a long while before they assumed similar obligations. Under those circumstances the problem of promiscuity would come under control almost over night.

We have today in our possession a Book — the Bible — in which is set forth the solution for all our problems if only as a nation we will turn to its instructions and follow them. When will our nation awaken to this need? Must we first pass through terrible trouble, with the increase in crime and violence bringing sorrow and suffering to multitudes of our people, before we will turn from our stubborn ways, seek the Lord and become willing to obey all His commandments?

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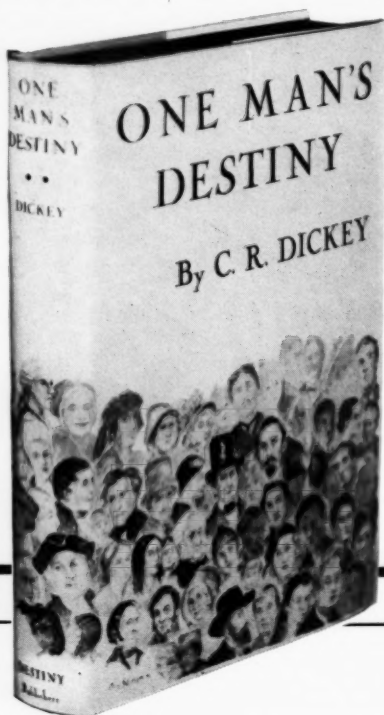
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